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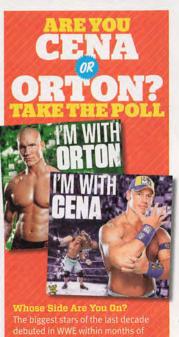
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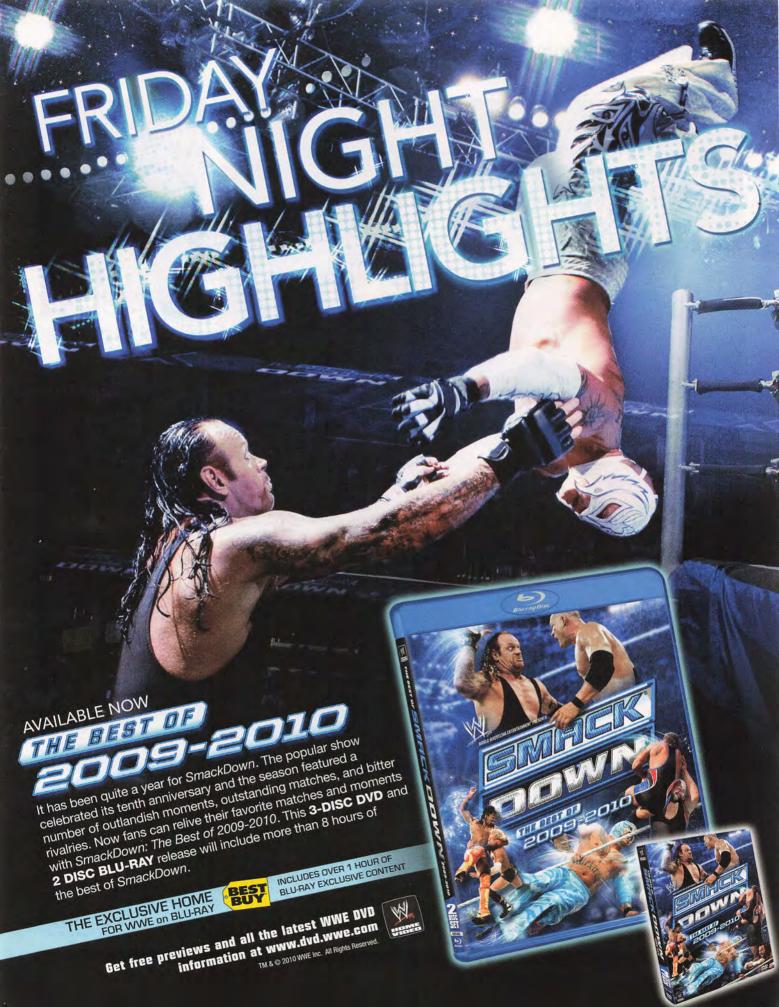
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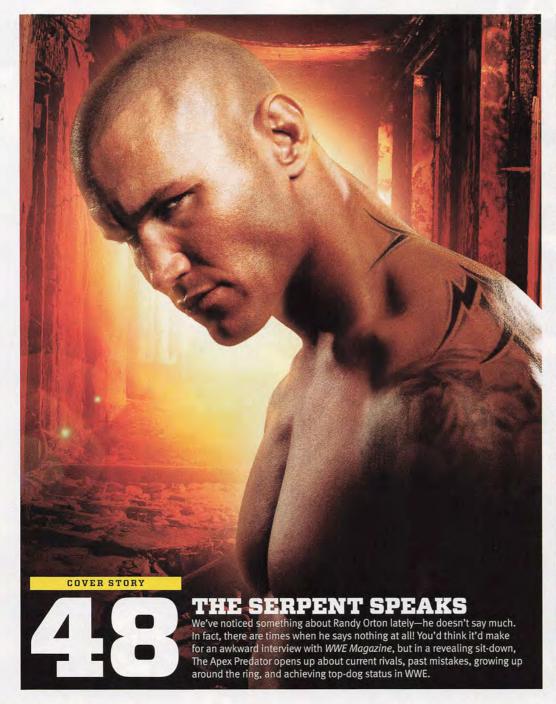
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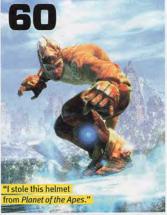
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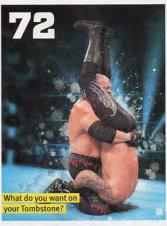
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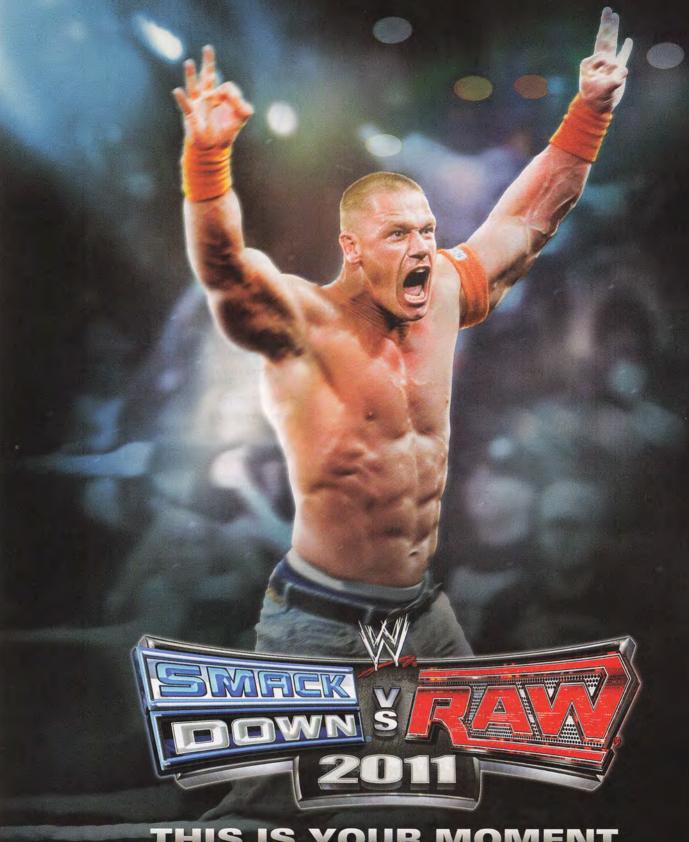
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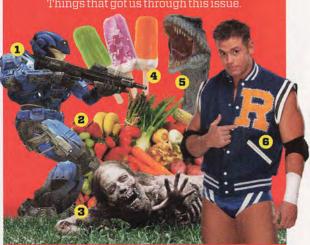


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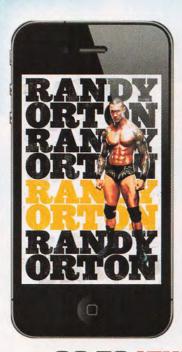




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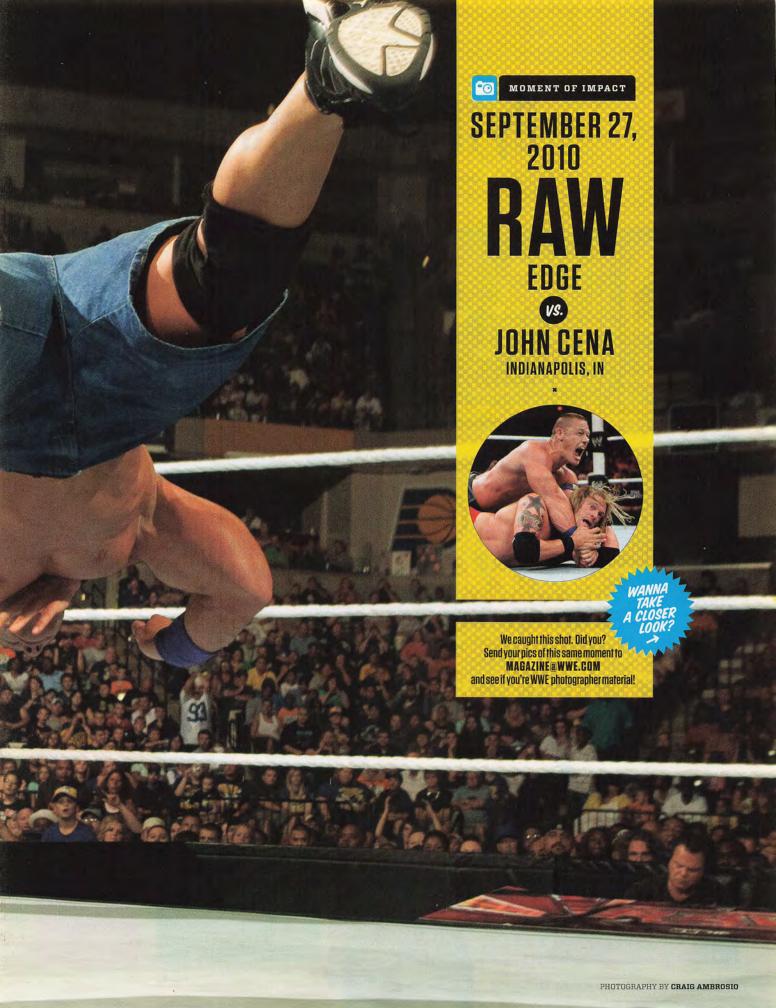


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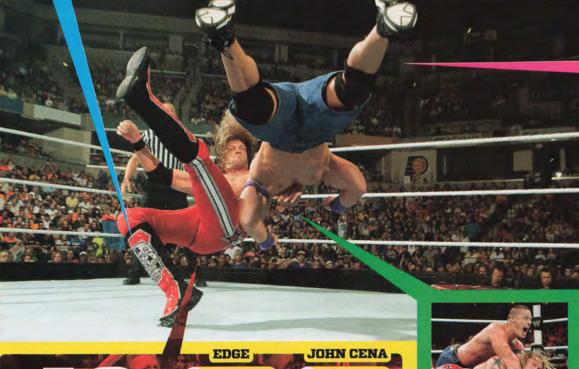
# By The Numbers

Two titans, with tons of titles between them, fought twice in one night at the behest of the anonymous Raw GM. After the dust (and computer parts) settled, we were there to add up all the stats.



"322" appears on all Skull and Bones correspondence. Some society, although only bona-fide "Bonesmen" know for sure.







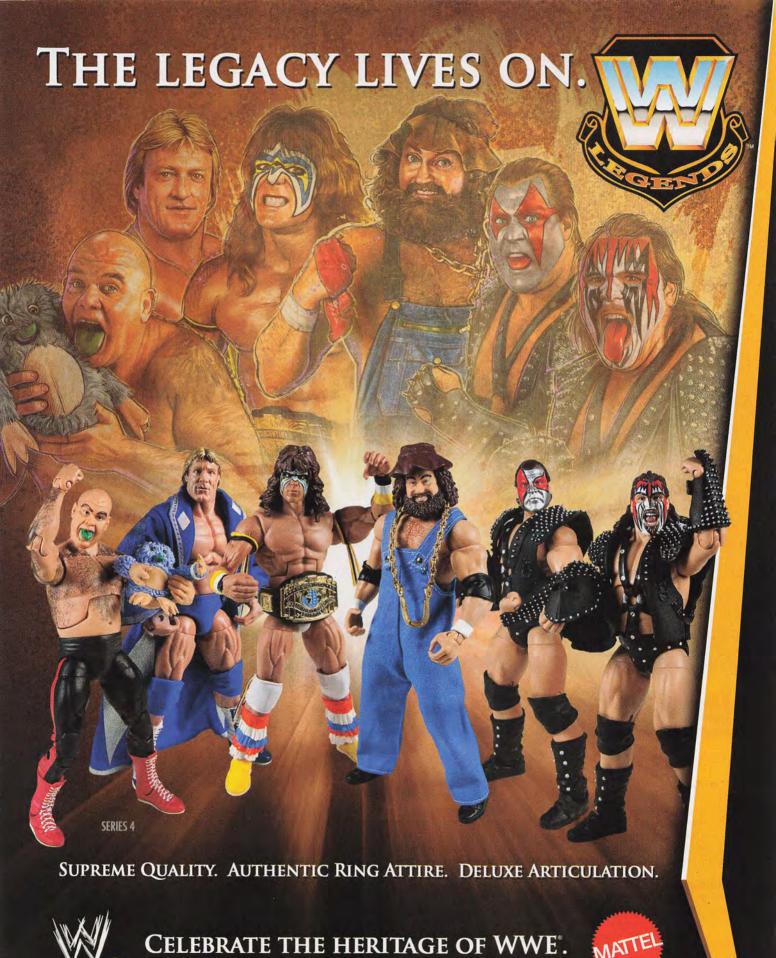
NUMBER OF TIMES JOHN CENA AND EDGE HAVE PACED OFF IN SINGLES COMPETITION

since Edge moved to Raw after the 2010 WWE Draft. Though they've battled four other times in tag or Triple Threat bouts, this match marked the first time they went head-to-head.



THAT THE U.K.'S DAR-REN TAYLOR PLUMMETED TO ACHIEVE THE BELLY FLOPPING GUINNESS WORLD RECORD.

THIS MATCH.



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Every 30 days, we interrogate Superstars about their crimes against humanity. The accused: **Cody Rhodes**.

#### \* The Charge

#### PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE

Your grooming segments on SmackDown offer health and hygiene tips to our readers, and yet you lack the proper schooling or credentials to disseminate such information. You are little more than a snake-oil salesman with whitened teeth!

#### \* The Defense

"When you go to your orthodontist and his teeth are crooked, you probably won't trust him as much, right? He obviously doesn't take care of himself! So you could go to a licensed professional who's ugly as sin, or you could take advice from a guy like me, whose only real crime is being criminally dashing."

#### \* The Charge

#### DISORDERLY CONDUCT

On the 8/17/10 edition of WWE NXT, you freaked out following the elimination of Husky Harris, insulting the other Pros and VERDICT attacking future WWE NXT-winner

Kaval. How do you plead?

#### \* The Defense

"I plead insanity. When you watch guys who can't lace up their boots try to wrestle, and then your Rookie, who actually has talent, is eliminated before Michael McGillicutty...that would set anyone off!"

#### The Charge

#### AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Just a few days after your WWE NXT meltdown, you and Drew McIntyre went after Matt Hardy on the 8/20/10 episode of SmackDown, beating him and brutalizing his already-injured

ankle. What is wrong with you?

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the dashingest of all?"

#### \* The Defense

"If the charge is Aggravated Battery, I feel I'm getting off pretty easy, because I set out to annihilate him. Matt Hardy will never forget that beating. So I plead guilty-but trust me, I'm smiling in the courtroom."

This preening peacock and purveyor of preposterous pabulum is indeed a captoothed jerk!

# Superstar Flashback



Beth Phoenix takes us back through her 20-year love affair with WWE, five years at a time.



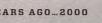
#### 5 YEARS AGO ... 2005



"I was working down in Louisville, Kentucky, trying to get a WWE contract. It was a difficult time. I was a huge fan of Lita and Trish Stratus. Lita had attitude and as much star power as the men, and Trish is probably the most successful Diva of all time. That's who and what I wanted to be—I wanted to be the girl on the posters with my face on TV. They motivated me to try and achieve that."



10 YEARS AGO ... 2000





"I was in college and working like a maniac to get good grades while moonlighting at indie shows on weekends. Back then I was into Kurt Angle. Everything he did felt fresh and new. He was a pure athlete. And Eddie Guerrero as well. I loved the Superstars who weren't just huge muscular guys, but also brought a lot of heart and performance to the ring."



15 YEARS AGO...1995



"I was in high school in '95, and was a closet wrestling fan. WWE wasn't the coolest thing for a girl to be into, but that was my favorite era of wrestling. I loved the Harts, especially Bret. Watching him wrestle, I said, 'OK, somehow I have to figure out how to do this.' That was the year when I went from being a fan to someone who wanted to do this for life."



20 YEARS AGO...1990





"Back then I would watch wrestling at my grandma's house. My grandma was really into WCW. I was more into The Macho Man and the colorful characters in WWE, but occasionally she'd watch WWE and some of the greats like Ivan Putski would pop up. My grandparents were Polish immigrants, so he was their favorite. That was my Saturday back then, watching wrestling at Grandma's."



#### FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

#### **WE'RE SORRY!**

For every awesome thing we publish, we occasionally miss the mark. Here's where we make amends.

It was January 1996. Shawn Michaels' WrestleMania XII victory was three months away. In June, Stone Cold would first utter the phrase, "Austin 3:16." And, in 11 months, The Rock would debut at Survivor Series. So how did we kick off this banner year in WWE Magazine? By giving fans...a Marty Jannetty poster. And not even an in-ring shot. Instead, we dressed him in Dad clothes and photographed him leaning against a tree. Even the rad mid-'90s lettering atop the pic can't save it. Seriously, our bad guys. Best to hurl this one through the barbershop window.





CALENDAR CURSE

#### RAD DAY?

Whether it's in WWE or around the world, some days are just no good.

THE DATE

# DECEMBER 2,

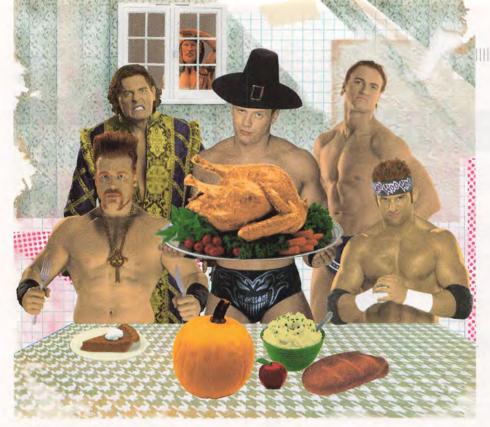
Amid a series of bad investments and shoddy financial dealings, Texas-based energy corporation Enron files for bankruptcy, wiping out the life savings of many of its employees.



# DECEMBER 2,

On Raw, Shawn Michaels serves as guest refin a No.1 Contender's Match for the World Heavyweight Title. After HBK names Triple H the winner, the former friends brawl in the ring, and HBK Superkicks The Game into oblivion!





# The "No Thanks" List

At Thanksgiving, most people express gratitude for the little things in life. Not these Superstars, who'd rather use the opportunity to show their genuine contempt for the world.

#### ZACK RYDER

"I'm not thankful for Ed Hardy T-shirts and guys in the club who wear bandanas on their wrists and arms. What's the point of that? Your wrists aren't gonna sweat in the club unless you're playing tennis or something. I'm also not thankful for all the girls who are NHE. That means, 'Not Hot Enough,' in case you don't know. Girls like that need to just back up. Seriously, don't call me-I'll call you."

#### THE MIZ

"I'm not thankful for the WWE Universe booing me all the time. Don't you people understand that I wake up at three o'clock on Friday morning, get on a flight at six o'clock, and fly all the way across the country just to entertain you? And you boo me? How dare you?!? I'm coming to your crappy city from sunny Los Angeles and you can't show me the proper respect? It's just wrong, people-WRONG!"

#### DREW MCINTYRE

"I think the whole concept of Thanksgiving is ridiculous. First of all, no one here really knows what it's about, Last year, I asked Americans to explain the holiday to me, and no one could! Listen up: It celebrates the subjugation of Native Americans! That's what people in this country commemorate with their families every year. So I'm not thankful for Americans and their disgusting holiday!"

#### SHEAMUS

"The sun. I hate the sun. And the Cenation. Once they're gone from the WWE Universe, maybe then I'll finally have something to be thankful for."



#### WILLIAM REGAL

"Where to begin? There's so much I'm not thankful for, I've compiled a list."



- 1. "I'm irritated by WWE Superstars who think that, just because they've won more championships than me, they're better wrestlers than I am. Guess what? They are not. At all. Plain and simple, I am the best wrestler never to be World Champion, and I flat out defy anyone to prove me otherwise."
- 2. "I hate people who think they're funny, when they're not. Seems to be a lot of them around."
- 3. "People who say, 'That's hilarious,' about the slightest joke. They chuckle and go, 'Oh, that's hilarious.' When you say that, it just shows your utter ignorance of the Queen's English."
- 4. "Puddle of Mudd bothers me. Their music is such tripe. Total drivel. And the people who listen to them are complete wasters."
- 5. "People who appear educated, but have little or no common sense. Never before in history have we had a society that's better educated and more stupid. It's astounding!"

STICKS AND STONES

#### INFORMED HECKLER

Stuck for an epithet to hurl at a hated Superstar? Avoid clichés and hit 'em with some cold, hard facts!



"¿COMO ESTAS, SEÑOR ALBERTO DEL RIO? BIEN, OF COURSE, BECAUSE YOU'RE FORTUNATE TO BE AMONG MEXICO'S ELITE. THE WORLD BANK SAYS THAT NEARLY HALF OF YOUR 108 MILLION COUNTRYMEN ARE POOR, AND THAT 14 PERCENT LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY, MEANWHILE, MEXICO HAS NINE TIMES AS MANY BILLIONAIRES AS OIL BARON-STUFFED KUWAIT! APPARENTLY, YOU GIVE NOTHING TO CHARITY. ALSO, SHAME ON YOU FOR SHARING A SURNAME WITH THOSE TWO CABRONES WHO GAVE US 'THE MACARENA'!"



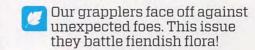
#### YOUR MOM DUG THIS!

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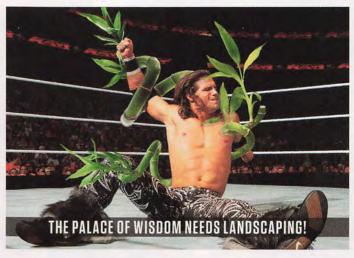
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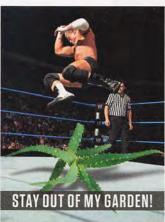
# Superstars vs.... Plants!















#### BIG MISTAKE

### **GAG REEL**

WWE Video Historian Eddie Miguez digs into the archives to unearth this embarrassing piece of footage.

#### APRIL 21, 2003

On the 4/21/03 edition of Raw, fed up with The Rock's taunts (as well as those of Gillberg), Goldberg gave chase, hopping into his sleek Barracuda muscle car...and blowing out the engine! He then hit the streets on foot to chase The Rock's limo...his only choice at that point. If he had any smarts, he would have just kept running.



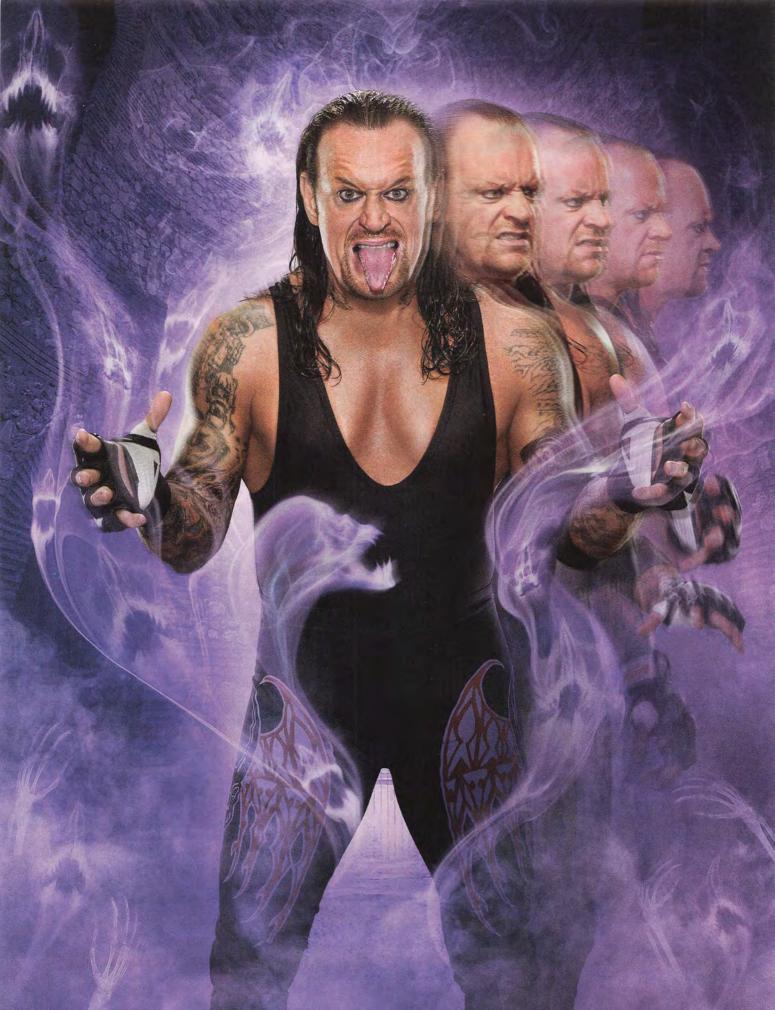
The Rock attempts to explain the plot points of Tooth Fairy to Gillberg.



Goldberg's shirt says, "Next?" The Rock's face says, "Nope!"



This was the last time Goldberg borrowed the car without permission.



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While he was on tour in his native Japan, we threw every question we could think of at The Poison Fist of the Pacific Rim. Through a translator, Yoshi discusses his favorite Superstars past and present, his infectious theme song, living in America, and sharing a name with Super Mario's beast of burden.

#### We love your entrance theme, "Jpop Drop." Do you actually listen to this type of music?

It is different from what I usually listen to, but I do love my entrance music as well. Usually, I listen to American rock music, especially Rancid. They always give me power.

#### Do you get as pumped up by your music as we do?

Yes! Every time I hear my entrance music, the energy in my body is exploding. I never sing the song, but it plays in my head quite often.

#### You bring a ton of energy to the ring. What fuels your passion?

I am fueled by being Japanese and successful in the U.S. It has always been a dream of mine. Like other Japanese, I feel strongly about making my dreams come true in America, which motivates me and brings lots of energy.

#### The language barrier: How much does it frustrate you?

When I started living here, it was very stressful. Now that I am improving my English, I don't feel so much stress. But American people are very kind and helpful. Even though I am not fluent in English, I don't feel any difficulties. I am thankful for that every day.

#### How famous are you in Tokyo? Can you walk down the street without getting mobbed by adoring fans?

I don't get mobbed, but I am starting to get noticed by people.

#### Who's bigger in Japan: You, or competitive eater Takeru Kobayashi?

I am not sure. If Takeru Kobayashi is more

famous, then I will do my best to be more famous than him!

#### What was your impression of WWE when you competed in Japan?

I thought WWE existed in a different world. I felt it was almost like a dreamland.

#### Did you idolize any WWE Superstars when you were younger? Who inspired you to wrestle?

I liked Undertaker and Shawn Michaels. After watching Great Muta in New Japan Pro-Wrestling, I decided to become a wrestler.

#### Tell us about winning the Battle Royal Match at WrestleMania XXVI? Is that the highlight of your WWE career?

I found out afterward that it had been 25 years since a Japanese wrestler won a Battle Royal. It was Antonio Inoki, who was a WWE Hall of Fame inductee this year, who won that match. I felt that it was fate that I could win in front of Mr. Inoki. It is the best moment of my career to date, but I will try my best to be able to say that it is one of my many career highlights in the future!

#### You were named one of the hardesthitting Superstars by your peers in WWE Mag (December 2009). In your opinion, who hits harder than you?

I would describe my in-ring style of wrestling as Japanese Strong Style, but Sheamus is a pretty hard hitter. I went up against him during our last Japan tour.

#### Which Superstars have befriended you on the road?

Goldust, Evan Bourne and The Hart Dynasty.

#### What's the best advice you've been given in WWE?

I can't reveal what it is, but John Cena always gives me great advice. His advice is so easy to understand, and it's helpful.

#### Has anyone played a practical joke on you in the locker room?

Maybe it's just me, but I feel like I get targeted a lot by my fellow Superstars.

#### Thus far in WWE, who are your favorite Superstars to wrestle?

Chris Jericho and Christian.

#### Did you know that you share a name with a Super Mario character?

I did-and I am very happy about it!

#### If you could say one thing to the WWE Universe, what would it be?

Thank you for your love and support. Your continuous support is much appreciated!

#### CULTURE SHOCK!

#### The 5 Things Yoshi Loves Most About These United States.

- O "People are always willing to help others, and are very kind, especially to kids and seniors.'
- 🕴 "Food comes in big portions. Drinks are free to refill. Also, protein is sold anywhere."
- 3 "People are very diverse, and I am able to learn a variety of cultures.
- 3 "Wide roads."
- 3 "Cheerful people."



# Old School New Skool

A 2x4 totin' veteran and a Long Island Loudmouth weigh in on today's hottest trends. Fight!

#### Jim Duggan

"People must not have much to do if they're Tweeting. If you're Tweeting what you're having for breakfast, you have an ego problem. Who cares?"



"I love Twitter. I always let the Zack Pack know what I'm doing. It's not ego, old man. They follow me 'cause they want to know what I'm up to!"

Zack Ryder

#### Jim Duggan

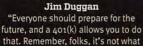
"My daughters have iPods, but I assume the iPad is a computer pad? It holds 1,000 books? You can't read but one at a time!

you make, it's what you save."



#### Zack Ryder

"You can carry around, like, 1,000 books at once! When you're done, you just download another. Assuming you know what downloading is.'





STICKS AND STONES

#### Zack Ryder

"I gotta be honest, bro-I really have no idea what this is. It sounds expensive. Is it a car? Cars are sweet."

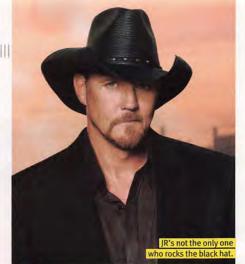
The original release of Capcom's Street Fighter game was subtitled, The World Warrior.

**MY FAVORITE** 

to 'fess up and reveal the match-ending move he to his in-ring repertoire.



"I THINK KAVAL'S WARRIOR'S WAY IS ONE OF THE MOST AWESOME MOVES ON THE PLANET. IT'S VISUALLY IMPRESSIVE. HE GETS SO HIGH IN THE AIR. AND THEN BAM! AND IT'S A MOVE THAT EVERYONE CAN UNDERSTAND. JUMPING OFF THE ROPES IS A VERY BASIC, BUT VERY VISUAL, MOVE. SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT MUST HURT."



STAR-STRUCK

# CELEBRITY FAN OF THE MONTH

Country star Trace Adkins discusses his experience at SummerSlam, dreams about mixing it up with The Miz, and offers a theme song for WrestleMania XXVII.



#### So Trace, how'd you end up ringside at SummerSlam?

I was in L.A. shooting a movie and was asked if I'd have any interest in going to Summer-Slam and I was like, "Yeah! I'd love to!"

#### What were some of the highlights of the evening for you?

I got to hang out with some of the guys backstage, which I'd never done before. One of the coolest things was meeting Ted DiBiase, because I grew up watching his father.

#### During the show, were you cheering for Team Nexus or Team WWE?

I'm a WWE guy. I may have to get in the ring with some of those Nexus guys myself. Someone's got to take them out!

Your new record, Cowboy's Back in Town, features a track titled, "Hell I Can Do That." Did that phrase go through your mind while watching the Superstars in action?

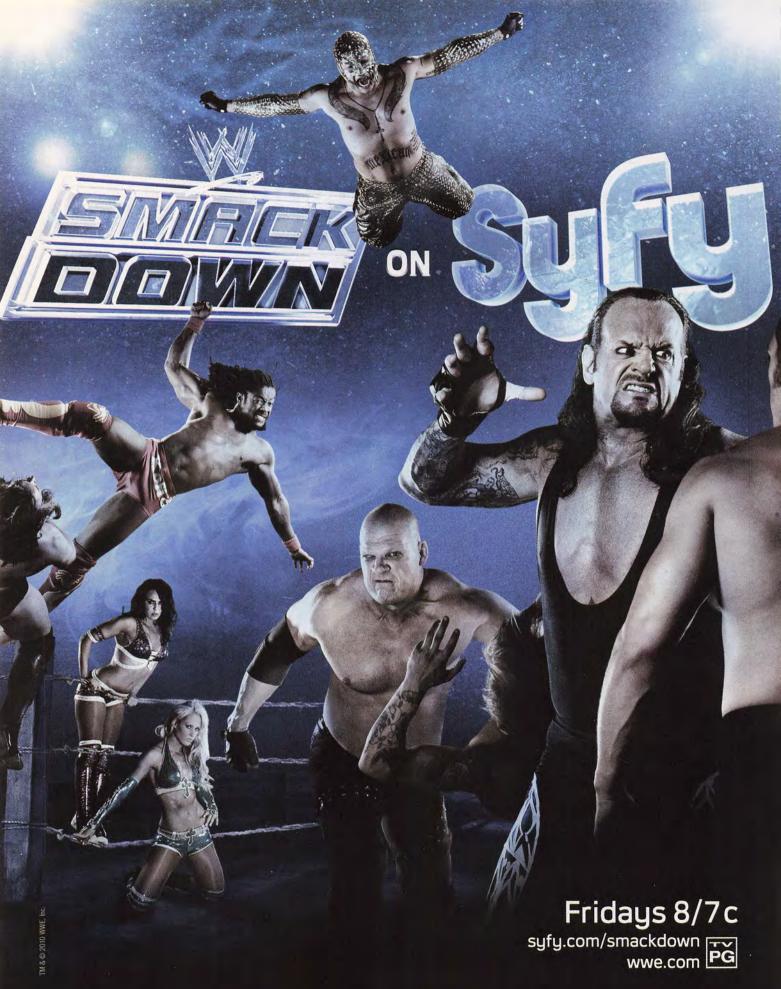
Not at all! That's pretty much a young man's game. But, being an old jock, if I could do it,

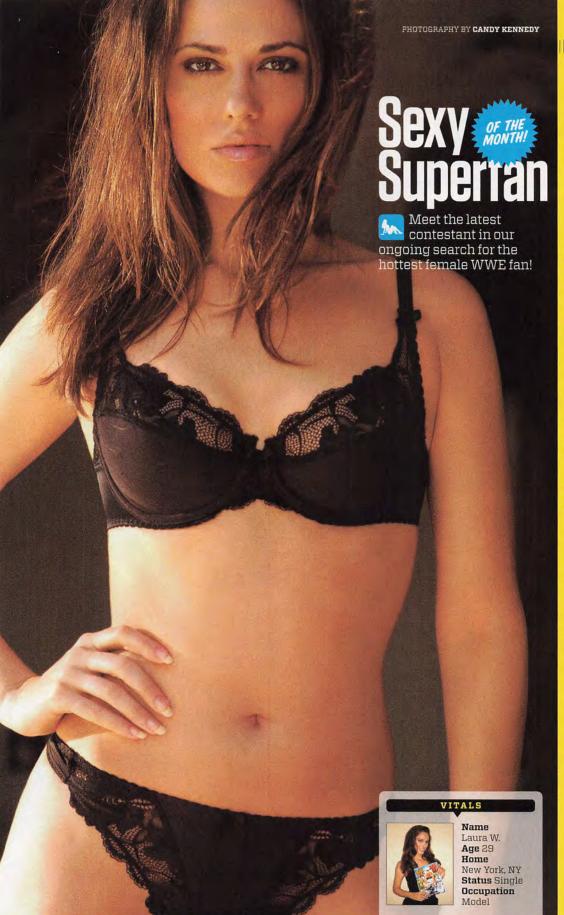
#### Who is Trace Adkins a fan of?

I can't wait to see what that idiot The Miz will do next. He's one of the most obnoxious human beings I've ever had the misfortune of listening to, but you still want to hear what he says next.

#### Can we nominate "Whoop a Man's Ass" as 'Mania XXVII's official theme?

It's a no-brainer! I live by a cowboy code, and when you live by a code, you have boundaries. And if those boundaries are crossed, there's a penalty to pay. I think it's perfect!





You're a Superfan why? "My brother and I watched WWE as kids! He wanted to be HBK, and I dreamed of being Miss Elizabeth!" A manager, eh? Can you manage these questions?

1. What venue will host WrestleMania XXVII?

"The Georgia Dome in Atlanta."

2. In 2009, Randy Orton's violent temper was attributed to what mystery illness?

"IED-Intermittent Explosive Disorder."

3. Which member of The Hart Dynasty is not related to the Hart family by blood? "Tyson Kidd."

4. True or False? Edge's 2010 Royal Rumble win was his second victory in the event. "False! It was his first."

5. Triple H stands for ...? "Hunter Hearst Helmsley."



6. When Christian returned to WWE, on which show did he debut? "ECW."

7. Name any three Superstars on the current roster who hail from California.

"Three of my faves: Rey Mysterio, Melina and John Morrison."



8. Name a Superstar whose entrance theme does NOT feature lyrics.

"Easy. Undertaker."



9. Who was the mystery member of Team WWE at SummerSlam?

"Daniel Bryan."



10. Which Superstar was featured on the 2010 Night of Champions poster?

"Kane."



#### 10 OUT OF 10!

"I'm not surprised. Now it's time to become the next WWE Diva." Slow down, Laura. You have to crawl before you can walk the top ropes. For now, relish the fact that you're a letter-perfect...



HEY FEMALE READERS! Are you sexier or more wrestling-savvy than Laura? Send a snapshot of yourself to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM. See P77 for details.

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# Christian's Hit List



Captain Charisma shares the secrets behind his captivating maneuvers

#### Body Surfing

"I don't really have an official name for this-I just call it Body Surfing, for lack of a better term. It was one of those moves I did once and it stuck. I looked over, and my opponent was hanging on the ropes, so on a whim, I jumped on his back and thought, 'Well, this could be effective.' It's a great way to incapacitate an opponent and give myself a bit of an advantage. I think the first person I did it to was Chris Jericho, which is interesting, because after I used it on him, he stole the move! If you have a better name for it, let me know."





#### \* Killswitch

"I'd watch tapes from Japan and Mexico to study different styles and try to make my own moves. On one of those tapes, I saw a version of the Killswitch. A guy hooked the arms the way that I do, but he ran about three steps and jumped up before landing the move. So I rewound the tape and watched it in slo-mo. As the guy spun his opponent around so his face was pointed toward the mat, I thought, 'It would probably be even more devastating if, when he was in that position, I just dropped him.' "



#### \* Inside-Out **Body Splash**

"I originally saw this maneuver in which a guy jumped and bounced on the middle rope, and hit a clothesline while standing on the apron. I had every intention of doing that, but when I was practicing it, I always ended up on the floor. I realized I was jumping too wide, and I didn't think I'd be able to get it down the way that I wanted to. So I just tweaked it, and hit my opponent with a crossbody on the floor."



Kane won the WWE version of the popular game show "The Weakst Link." His winnings. went to St. Jude's Hospital.

MIND READER

### **BRAIN SCAN**

Advances in modern science now allow us to view the inner workings of Superstars' heads. Behold, the mind of Kane!

"I'd get more dates if not for this creepy eye. The barbedwire pants don't help either."

"I'm glad I ditched the mask, but it sure was a nice



"Wearing the World Heavyweight Title belt gets me better cell-phone reception."

"I'd really like to be on BBQ Pitmasters. Does anyone remember what I did to JR?"

"Everyone keeps telling me I should get on Facebook. But why? I don't like anything."

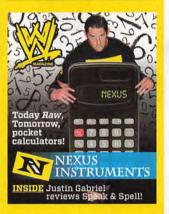
"I'm the only one in my book club who hasn't finished The Help. What happens to Constantine?"

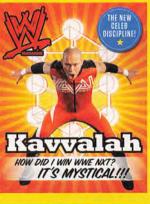
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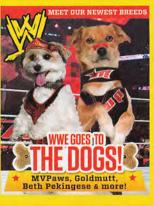
# MEET THE REJECTS



We sent four covers to Mr. McMahon for his approval. For reasons we can't fathom, these didn't make the cut.







# **WWE's Pet Pairings**

Animals and wrestling go hand-in-hand like Superstars and baby oil. Think you can match the grappler to his beastly best friend?





























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The last Million Dollar

Champion before Ted

DiBiase was The Ring-

master, aka, Stone Cold

Steve Austin

MY MOST UNDERRATED MATCHES

We prod WWE Superstars to reveal the lesser-known bouts they hold in high esteem. This month: Ted DiBiase





1. Ted DiBiase vs. John Cena



2. Ted DiBiase vs. Batista "It was a lot of fun going



3. Ted DiBiase vs. **Randy Orton** 

THE NAME GAME

# **WOULD THE** REAL CHRIS MASTERS

One pumps iron; the other pumps up party balloons.



Flexing his considerable muscle on SmackDown.

Flexing his managerial muscle at Party City in San Antonio, TX.

#### HIDDEN TALENT.

Bouncing his sculpted pecs in time to pop music beats.

"I can do impressions. My best is of Arnold Schwarzenegger."



In 2005, Masters took on Shawn Michaels, facing him in a singles match at Unforgiven.



"Growing up, I played a lot of basketball, so all of my rivalries always took place on the court!"

#### IS UNBEATABLE AT...

The Masterlock, a punishing submission that has laid many a Superstar low.

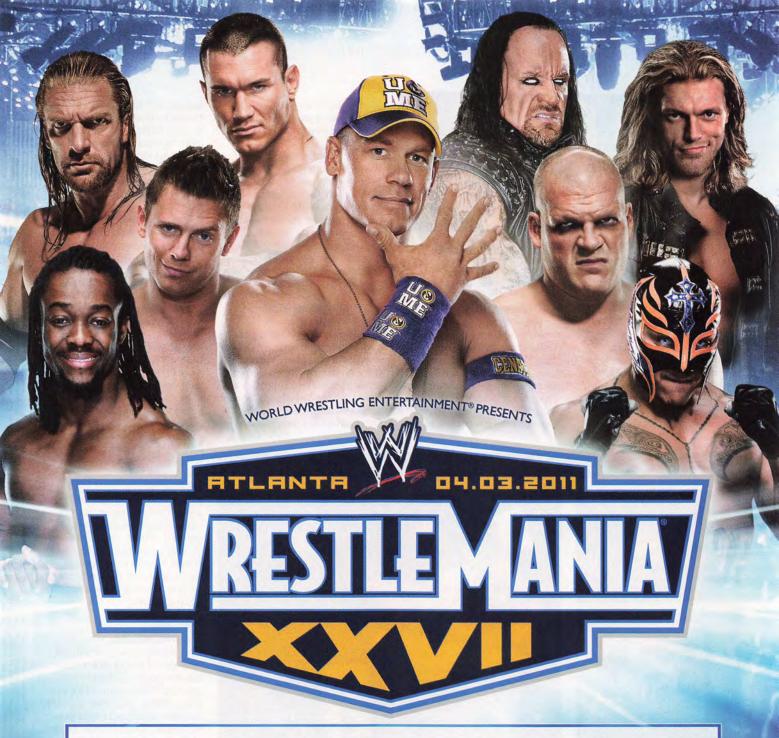
Madden NFL. "I just got the new one. Nobody can top the way I build a roster!"



Bodybuilding. Masters logs some crazy hours in the gym.



Hunting. "I once shot an 11-point buck. It's hanging in my house.



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#### **Vintage Cole!**

Dear WWE Magazine,

This letter is directed specifically at Michael Cole, Mr. Cole, I am greatly offended by your comments regarding vegans during the 8/16/10 episode of Raw. I am a vegan, and a veteran of the Armed Forces. I served in Afghanistan, and the military embraced my no-meat diet. To criticize Daniel Bryan by saying, "How can you be a professional athlete and not eat meat?" is very irresponsible. Studies show that vegetarians and vegans have more energy than meat eaters, better immune systems, and greater stamina to perform the tasks demanded of them. You may dislike a person because of his character, but don't insult him because of his

lifestyle choice. Do your research before opening your mouth. Airiq R., via e-mail

We must admit, we were surprised that Michael Cole made this claim. given that track and field star Carl Lewis, Atlanta Falcons tight end Tony Gonzalez, and even the self-proclaimed "Baddest Man on the Planet," Mike Tyson, have, at one point or another, gone vegan. But come on-'fess up! Doesn't the fact that Michael Cole hates something somehow make it cooler? Pass the couscous.

#### **Fantasy Warfare, Unfair**

Dear WWE Magazine,

Usually you guys get "Fantasy Warfare" exactly right, but in the October installment you blew it. You argued that a team of 2010 Superstars could defeat a team of 1987 Superstars in a classic Survivor Series bout. The most unbelievable statement was that Sheamus and lack Swagger could

team up to defeat Andre the Giant. Really? Andre was undefeated for 15 years. He almost single-handedly defeated 19 guys at 'Mania 2. I love Sheamus. I love Jack Swagger. But the Giant would have handled them both. Prove me wrong. Sammy D., via e-mail

Andre the Giant was one of the greatest Superstars ever to lace his boots and step in the ring. No one on our staff denies this. But he was twice bested by Hulk Hogan, the "Real American." So surely The All-American American and an All-Irish Irishman could join forces to eliminate the fabulous Frenchman.

#### The Stipulation Situation

Dear WWE Magazine,

Since so many new pay-per-views are built around stipulations, it seems to me as though some new ones should be created. The possibilities for new and exciting stip-themed events are endless. Which leads me to my question: What stip match pay-per-views can we expect to see in the future? Sam A., via e-mail

We're always kicking great ideas upstairs to management, but they continue to get shot down, including our latest: A Stable Match, featuring the most talented and ruthless crews in WWE, in which the first person slammed through a steaming pile of horse manure loses. How is that not a winning concept?

#### Fresh Frosh

Dear WWE Magazine,

As an incoming freshman this fall, I was excited to read your "College Survival Guide" (September 2010, page 20). However, I found it a little disappointing, since all of The Miz's tips were about how to avoid gaining weight. Doesn't Miz have better advice for an incoming freshman looking to have an awesome year? Linette V., Sacramento, CA

Not really—although The Miz did suggest the following non-weightloss-related tips. Note: Use them at your own discretion.

- 1. Be prepared-always carry a briefcase. It'll make you look studious, and is also useful in a fight.
- 2. Be loud-if you're ever challenged to an in-class debate, be sure to out-yell your opponent. Remember: People will think you're right if you scream long enough.
- 3. Be confident-never stop telling people how awesome you are. Ever.

LETTER OF THE MONTH





### THE ART DYNASTY

Dear WWE Magazine.

This year in Phoenix, my wife and I enjoyed front-row seats at WrestleMania. One of the most meaningful experiences we had during the trip came at the WrestleMania Art Auction on Wednesday evening. I was fortunate enough to win a bid for Bret Hart's cartoon, as well as a few other drawings, including a Stu Hart sketch by Beth Phoenix and an Antonio Inoki sketch drawn by DH Smith! Zac H., Cincinnati, OH

Nice pics! Wow, we're surprised by Beth Phoenix and DH Smith's hidden talent. Who knew they were skilled sketch artists? They're so good, in fact, we're commissioning them to draw caricatures of The Chairman for display in our office. Here's hoping Mr. McMahon reimburses us for the outlay.

THIS MONTH'S WINNER For his letter, Zac will receive SmackDown: The Best of 2009-2010. Next month's winner gets Top 50 Superstars of All Time. See p77 for details

#### RIPPED UPPER LIP

#### **Manliest 'Staches**

Dear WWE Magazine,
Your list of the "20 Manliest
Moments in WWE History" (October, 2010), was an incredible trip
through Dudesville. My chest hair
count literally doubled by the time
I finished reading it. Even Big Bully
Busick's 'stache got a shoutout. But
with so many Superstars sporting
incredible facial hair, do you really
think Busick's was the manliest? I'd
vote for Rick Rude's man-stache.
Harrison G., New York, NY

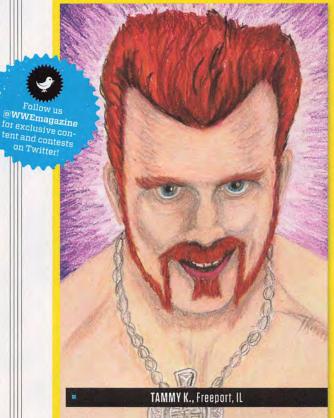
Sure, Rick Rude had an impressive lip-warmer, and The Iron Sheik sported a wild soup strainer, but Busick's facial hair is iconic. It was so manly, we're pretty certain that,



when viewed under a microscope, you could see that Busick's mustache had its own mustache. So manly.

# FAN ART OF THE MONTH

We're always seeking drawings of Superstars. If you've got the touch, send your work our way!



Da Vinci-esque doc WWE.COM and we we'll give away a co Details on Page 77.

# \* ANDREA G., Middle Village, NY \* APRIL P., Fort McMurray, Canada \*\*HEY ARTISTS! Wanna see your artwork in WWE Magazine? Send your Da Vinci-esque doodles of Superstars to MAGAZINE@

**WWE.COM** and we might publish them! Next month we'll give away a copy of *Top 50 Superstars of All Time*.

#### 100 Champions, 100 Hours

Dear WWE Magazine,

"The Road Of Champions" map in your October 2010 issue is one of the coolest things I've seen in the magazine in ages. I have to know, how long did it take to create it? Parker F., Gatlinburg, TN

From an editorial standpoint, this was a pretty easy piece to put together. We listed the champions, in order, from 1 to 100. But our design team, specifically Senior Designer Joelle Brito, spent countless hours—and a few late nights—mapping out the info across two pages. Look for our "200 WWE Champions" map in about 30 years. Art Department? You've been warned.



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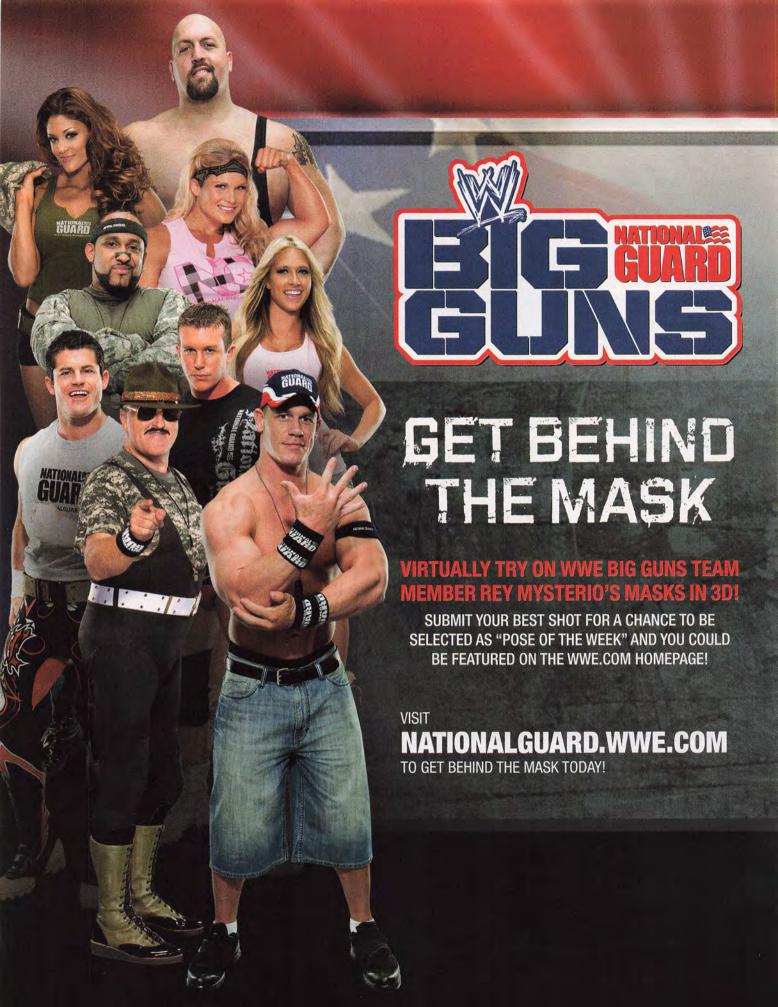
### TWEET OF THE MONTH

Straight from our feed to your face.

- EveMarieTorres: The word of the day is Spontaneous!
- \* WWEmagazine: Should we plan to use it at a specific time, or do what we feel when the mood strikes?
- \* EveMarieTorres: When the mood strikes!
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# COMING UP ON PAY-PER-VIEW

# December

The entire month in World Wrestling Entertainment\* 2

#### 13 Years **Ago Today**



#### 19 Years Ago Today

SmackDown Live Event Reno, NV 7:30 pm

HISTORIC

WWE MOMENT

#### The McMahon-Helmsley Era Begins!

11 years ago today, Stephanie McMahon helps Triple H defeat her dad at Armageddon-a bright beginning for WWE's power couple.

8 Years Ago Today

the World Heavyweight Title

7 Years Ago Today

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Happy Chanukah!

Randy Orton wins

#### SmackDown

One Year Ago Today

Sheamus becomes the first-

#### Raw

New Orleans, LA 6:30 pm

**Raw Live Event** 

SmackDown Live Event

16

#### 107 Years Ago Today

ELSTONIO MOMENT

31

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#### Raw/SmackDown Live Event

Alexandria, LA

WWE MOMENT

#### **Electronic Gladiators!**

**Ladder Match Action!** 

Relive last year's WWE TLC on DVD, or for other excit-

**Raw Live Event** 

Beaumont, TX 7:30 pm

**5 Years Ago Today** 

TABLES | LADDERS | CHA

ON PAY-PER-VIEW

Houston, TX 7:45 pm ET



#### It's New Year's Eve.

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Fleeting Perfection!

3 years ago today, the Patriots finish the NFL season at 16-0, but lose weeks later at Super Bowl XLII to the New York Giants.

#### **Raw Live Event**

#### SmackDown Live Event

#### 5 Years Ago Today

MNM best Rey Mysterio & Batista on SmackDown for the WWE Tag Titles.

#### **Raw Live Event**

Baltimore, MD

#### SmackDown Live Event

Cleveland, OH

#### SmackDown

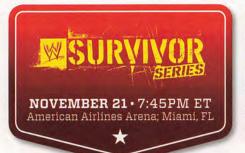
#### Raw Live Event



Brain" Heenan



ALL WWE TIMES, DATES AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, ALL EVENT TIMES ARE REGIONAL EXCEPT SURVIVOR SERIES, WWE TLC: TABLES, LADDERS & CHAIRS AND ROYAL RUMBLE, WHICH ARE EASTERN TIME.









5 5 Years Ago Today Raw Live Event

SmackDown Live Event

WWE MOMENT

6 6 Years Ago Today

on Raw. This is Lita's

Raw

Louisville, KY 8:15 pm

WWE MOMENT

**3 Years Ago Today** 

Michael "P.S." Haves. Lounge" on SmackDown.

SmackDown

First Two-Time WWE Champ!

37 years ago today, Bruno Sammartino defeats Stan Stasiak for his second WWE Title, a reign that lasts an impressive four years.

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Raw Live Event

SmackDown Live Event



**Raw Live Event** 



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9 Years Ago Today

become WWE's first-ever Undisputed

15 Years Ago Today

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HISTORIC MUNICIPAL

8



Raw

#### 53 Years Ago Today

Elvis Presley receives his draft notice

HISTORIC MOMENT



SmackDown





Survivor Series 2010 DVD is released







38 Years Ago Today

Harris makes the "immacu-

27

Raw

SmackDown Live Event

Pittsburgh, PA 7 pm

188 Years Ago Today

Louis Pasteur is born. Pasteurization is a win for milk drinkers worldwide.

HISTORIC MOMENT

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Raw Live Event

SmackDown Live Event





22 Years Ago Today

Poison's "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" reaches

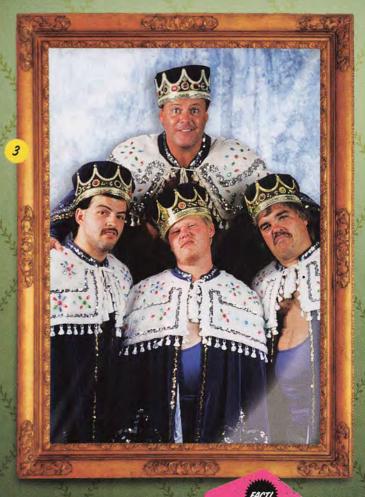
HISTORIC MONEY











# **Strangest Survivor Series Portraits**

Chamber, which debuted at 2002's Survivor Series

Back in the day, Survivor Series showcased some of the most random Superstar pairings imaginable. And we wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

#### 1. THE VISIONARIES-1990

Rick Martel, The Warlord and Power & Glory An atomizer-carrying male model, a masked warrior in a codpiece, and two dudes sporting the same sunglasses worn by the character Hollywood in the 1987 cheesefest, Mannequin. Just...wow!

#### 2. THE RUDE BROOD-1989

Mr. Perfect, Rick Rude and The Fabulous Rougeaus With Rick Rude in the captain's seat, this team packed together a stable of top-shelf Superstars who were not short on talent. Or mustaches. Or spangled capes.

#### 3. THE ROYAL FAMILY-1994

Jerry Lawler, Sleazy, Cheesy and Queasy When you have Jerry "The King" Lawler dressed in kingly garb flanked by a mob of similarly bedecked midgets, how in the world do you possibly top it?



JUST AS ODD!

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Bizarre groups have always made Survivor Series the perfect Thanksgiving fare. Here are some of the other unusual teams that deserve big props.

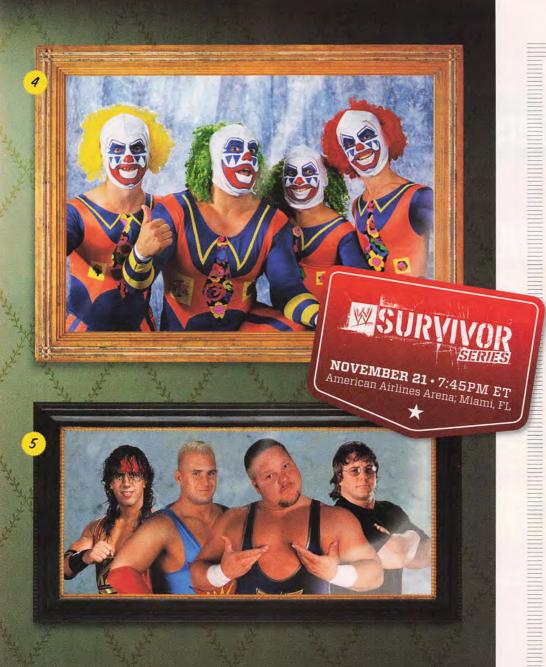
#### THE FOREIGN FANATICS 1



#### **SUTS AND GLORY** 1994



opinion!



### 4. CLOWNS 'R' US-1994

Doink, Dink, Pink and Wink Well, how about a team spearheaded by a malicious clown and a veritable big top full of his short-statured lookalikes? Yeah, that ought to do it. We need to lie down right now.

### 5. THE BODYDONNAS—1995

The 123 Kid, Skip, Rad Radford and Tom Prichard Look, as kids we always pined for Sunny, but never so much as when we first laid eyes on this picture. There's just way, way too much dude going on here, folks.

### THE ROYALS 1995

- \* KING MABEL
- \* JERRY LAWLER
- \* HUNTER HEARST







LEGENDS



# WHO'S The greatest

Top 50 Superstars Of All Time hits DVD on Dec. 14th. put in their two cents.

Stone Cold Steve Austin Jeremy Brown, Senior Editor

### **Shawn Michaels**

Matt Christensen, Senior Editor exceptional match against him. The

### **Bret Hart**

change in the World Champi-

### **Rey Mysterio**

Chris DeLisle, Art Director but he can also battle anybody. He's



### **Tables, Ladders, Chairs...Stats!**

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At this year's WWE TLC on December 19th, Superstars will bring their tender loving chairshots. Let us count the ways.



Total **TLC Matches** in WWE history, each of which was contested for a championship.

**Unified WWE** 

Tag Team Championship

1



WWF 2 Championship



World 2 Heavyweight Championship



World Tag Team 4 Championship



TLC Matches Edge has contested, the most of any Superstar. His impressive record stands at 4-2.

Superstars who've competed in full-on Tables, Ladders & Chairs Matches. Every TLC bout, since the first, has featured at least one TLC veteran.



DISTANCE (IN FEET) SCALED ON A LADDER IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD BY NEW ZEALANDER SHAUN COWAN. 7.9 MILES, A SUPER-

WHOSE CLIMB TOTALED STAR WOULD HAVE TO ASCEND A TLC-STANDARD, 16-FOOT LADDER 2.607 TIMES TO MATCH THIS FEAT.



Just to clarify, that's more than one chair per day!

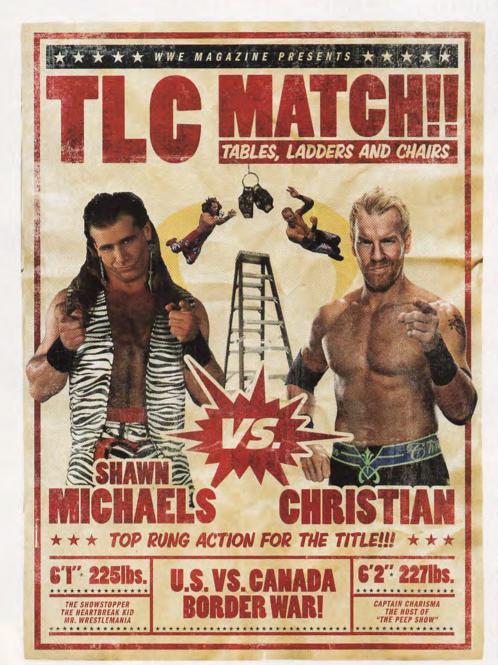
Times the I-C Title has been on the line in a Ladder Matchmore than any other

Years between Shawn Michaels' first Ladder Match in 1992 and his last, at 2009's WWETLC. HBK's Ladder Match record is 3-4, and he appeared in the

first four in WWE history.

Tables, ladders and chairs, respectively, used to build the set for WWE TLC in 2009.







FANTASY WARFARE

### SHAWN MICHAELS

vs. **CHRISTIAN** 

A future WWE Hall of Famer and a risktaking Canuck pull out all the stops for Tables, Ladders & Chairs supremacy!

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3-time WWE Champion • World Heavyweight Champion • 3-time I-C Champion • European Champion • 5-time World Tag Team Champion 2-time ECW Champion

3-time I-C Champion • European Champion • Hardcore
Champion • Light Heavyweight Champion • 9-time
World Tag Team Champion

### THE LOWDOWN

Amazingly, Shawn Michaels contested his first TLC Match only a year ago at the first-ever WWE TLC! With DX-mate Triple H in his corner, HBK toppled JeriShow to win the Unified WWE Tag Team Titles.

Officially, HBK competed in six Ladder Matches, and was victorious in just two of them. So, although he revolutionized this stip, his win-loss record is decidedly less than stellar.

No one's more resilient than The Showstopper. He's kicked out of 'Taker's Tombstone, won the Royal Rumble Match, and gone toe-to-toe with the likes of Bret Hart in hour-long matches. Christian is the unofficial poster child of the TLC Match, having competed in four of them during his career. How can you not be impressed by the guy's steel-climbing exploits?

Captain Charisma radiates personality, but he's rarely given props for his toughness. Christian ruled ECW for nearly a year, defeating Hardcore vets in Extreme Rules bouts. That's tough!

Captain Charisma can thank his Peeps for his longevity: During his many years in the ring, the WWE Universe has willed the crafty Canadian to nearly 20 championship victories.

### FINAL ANALYSIS

These two would be pretty evenly matched, but our money's on Christian. He has the ability to bounce back from the most devastating hits. As for HBK, his most memorable matches always seem to end in defeat. Our call: Christian lands the Killswitch from the top of a ladder.

**WINNER Christian** 



CONTEST

### GUESS THE MATCH

At Survivor Series, this loud-mouthed Longhorn defended his WWE Championship against a fellow Texan. Think you know the names of the Superstars in this photo, and the date of the bout? Enter now for a chance to win a football signed by Natalya and Eve. Visit WWW.WWE.COM/MAGAZINE/ or turn to Page 77 for contest rules and submission details.

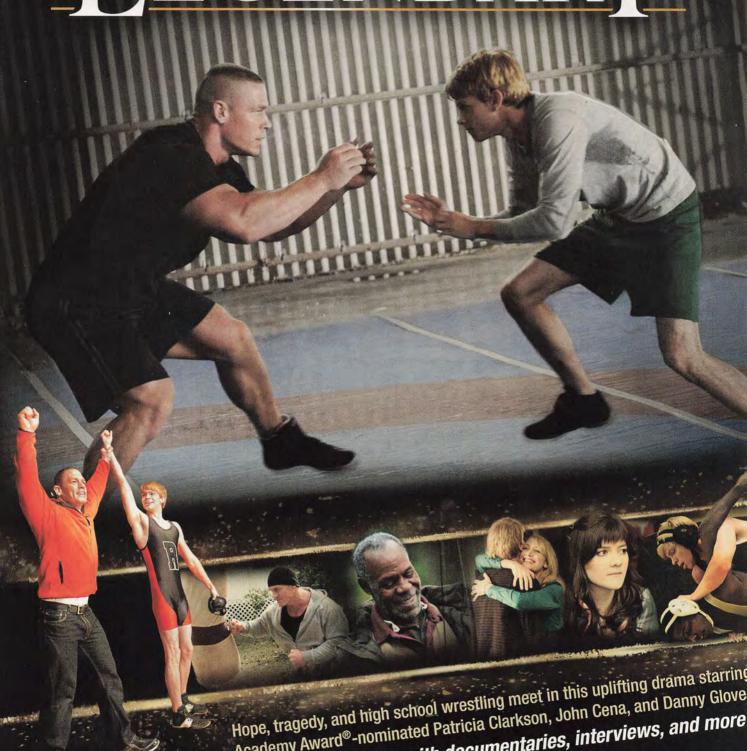


### OCTOBER'S MATCH



Big Boss Man vs. Nailz Survivor Series 11/25/92 "An Inspirational Family Drama"

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### **Cash For Questions**

Drew McIntyre reads your letters, then discusses his goals, his hair & his hatred of Angela Lansbury.

Q: What goals did you set for yourself a year ago, and how many have you accomplished?

Teresa H., via e-mail A: My first goal was to get on TV. And I've accomplished that. Second was to become one of the most recognized Superstars in WWE. I've accomplished that, too. Third was to become a champion. I accomplished that. I was a champion for half the year. Another goal was to look sweet in my trunks, and I've definitely accomplished that.

: If asked to serve as a WWE NXT Pro, what kind of advice would you offer your Rookie? Nathan O., Boise, ID

A: Being a Pro is beneath me. I've got my focus on myself. I don't have time to give advice. You have to figure it out for yourself. ... I did, and you can, too. I had to deal with being a Superstar on my own, and look where it got me. The struggle is what makes you successful.

O: If you stopped performing your finisher, then started using it again in three years, would you call it The Back To The Future Shock?

Duncan D., Toronto, Canada A: It's gotten me this far, and I

expect it'll take me to the top, so I doubt I'd ever stop doing it. But I'd love to have a Back to the Future-

style DeLorean that could travel through time. That would be a big help in getting to and from shows. And if I particularly enjoyed destroying someone in a match, I could go back in time and relive it over and over again.

### : You have the longest hair in WWE. Do you use Mane 'n Tail or normal shampoo?

Riley K., Perry, OK A: I do not use Mane 'n Tail, but I do use a special brush, just like Will Ferrell did in Blades of Glory. Seriously. I stroke my hair no fewer than 100 times per night before bed, which is what gives my mane its luster and high sheen. I plan on being buried with my hairbrush.

0: Fill in the blanks: Your hair is on the line against a Hair vs. Match.

Curtis F., via e-mail

A: Undertaker and The Streak-a Hair vs. Streak Match. I would absolutely risk my hair for a chance to break 'Taker's record. Even if I lost, I'd still have main-evented 'Mania against 'Taker. Either

way it goes, I'm a winner. Maybe a bald winner, but it'd be worth it.



When you Future Shock someone, does his life flash before his eyes, or does he see his future? Hollis T., Lamesa, TX

my hair, whipping around. But mostly pain. Pain and hair.

: Your entrance theme reminds me of Bob Seger's "Turn the Page." Thoughts?

Logan A., Indianapolis, IN A: I've heard that before, but I've never actually heard the song. I hope my theme will become so popular that when people hear Seger's song they'll someday say, "Wow, that reminds me of Drew McIntyre's theme music."

: There's a Shakespeare quote on your MySpace page that reads, "Be not afraid of greatness: Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them." Which applies to you? Kelly P., Bronx, NY

A: All three. I was born great, and as a result, I achieved greatness, and thusly, had greatness thrust upon me. That's been my personal quote since high school.

: You have a college degree in Criminology, so you must know which TV shows are totally bogus, right?

Martin L., Asheville, NC A: I don't have much time to watch any of the modern crime shows, but, I can say that Murder, She Wrote is easily the dumbest detective show ever. In every town this woman visits, someone dies. Hello? She's clearly the murderer. And she's smart, sure, because she never stays in one place. Why can't people

figure this out? She's probably used her various bed-knobs and broomsticks to fool everyone.

: Matt Striker has said you use the ring like a tag team partner. What does that mean? Greg A., Sonoma, CA

A: Everyone else wrestles in a box. They treat the ring like a cage. As for me, I think, "How can I use my surroundings and tremendous skills to my advantage?" Why not use those ropes and poles and stairs? It might not look intentional, but let me assure you, it is.

> : Who's the most annoving Superstar in the WWE locker room? Walker S., Eugene, OR

A: Yoshi Tatsu. I'm going on record right now. I can't

pin it to anything specific, but he's been in America for three years and claims he can only speak 10 words of English. He's lying to us all, and I'm onto him. I don't trust him.



### **GOT A BURNING**

In the coming months we'll be sorting through fan mail for The Miz. Goldust and Wade Barrett. Send your queries to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM (subject line: "Cash for Questions"), or send it the hard way! (Snail it to: WWE Magazine, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902.) If it doesn't suck, we'll print it in the mag-and send you 20 bucks in cold, hard. spendin' cash.



IF I ONLY...



If you were a character in The Wizard of Oz, what would you be seeking from the Wizard? Ian W., via e-mail

Well, I have a brain, and I've guess I'd be like the Tin Man, and fer to stay heartless, because that gives me an edge in the ring. In fact, away my remaining compassion. That is, if I actually had any to begin

## **Debating Divas**

Michelle McCool and Kelly Kelly discuss the best ways to evade exes, smell great on dates, and take relationships out of the friend-zone.

Michelle McCool was the first Diva to have held both the Divas and the Women's Titles She was also the first Divas Champ

I've been friends with this girl for years, but I want to upgrade the relationship. How do I approach "the talk"?

Michelle Be blunt. Don't overanalyze what to say. Don't wait for the perfect mood. Shoot from the hip, and next time you're together, tell her what you want, and ask what she wants. Hopefully you're good enough friends that if she doesn't feel the same, it won't make a difference. Kelly Kelly Don't listen to Michelle. Blurting out how you feel is no way to confess your love for someone. Women want to be romanced. They want the package deal. Cliché or not, plan to take her to dinner. Buy her flowers. Make her feel adored. Prove that you can be an amazing boyfriend as you sit her down and confess your feelings. I agree that you need to put it all out there, but when you lay out your feelings, make sure it's on a table for two at a nice restaurant.

I work the night shift at my job. Please explain how I'm ever supposed to meet women during the day?

Kelly Kelly That's easy-join a gym, take a walk around town, go to the

mall. Put yourself in social scenes. People do go out during the day, too. And let's be honest, a gym is a great place to meet someone. You already have a common interest, so just start chatting with someone who catches your eye. Also, don't you have friends that go out on the weekends? Head to the bar or the club, go to group dinners with them and ask your friends to invite new people along. Expand vour social scene.

Michelle Back up. Um, don't women come in on the night shift as well? What does your job entail-just working with a bunch of dudes? Approach the women you work with and strike up meaningful conversations. According to a 2009 Stanford University study, nearly 20 percent of all guys meet "the one" while on the job. If you're not necessarily into dating a coworker, date her friends. It's not rocket science.

What's a quick way to smell less like a pig after a workout? I never have time to shower! Kelly Kelly Douse yourself in cologne! My favorite new scent is Chanel Bleu, which I can never get enough of on a man. It's incredibly

sexy. To be honest, I don't know what

Michelle Eeew-how about just cutting your workout 10 minutes sooner and fitting in a shower? I don't know what miracle fix you're looking for. Honestly, will a few more shoulder reps really make a difference? No. Will washing yourself make a difference? Yes. There's no way to cover that postworkout stink, and masking it with cologne or deodorant will just make you smell worse. Nothing is more unpleasant than bad body odor. And

My girl and I are taking a break, but I get the urge to call her whenever Jersey Shore is on. She looks like Snooki, only taller. What does this mean, and how do I stop myself? Kelly Kelly Wanting to call your girl

means you still have feelings for her. That's obvious. It's a hard situation and everyone's been through it before, but don't ignore your feelings. If you have the urge to call her, do it. Being a girl, she probably feels as if she's supposed to wait for your call-it's the stupid game we all play. So as the guy, you need to make the move if you still care about her, or risk losing her for good. You never know, maybe she's waiting by the phone as you read this.

Michelle Wait a sec...there's a reason you're taking a break from one another. If you call her, be prepared to get shot down, or worse, have your heart trampled on. Resist calling her. Need a distraction? Get a hobby. Go outside. Exercise. Learn to cook. Focus your thoughts on something more constructive than pining for a girl you're not meant to spend the rest of your life with. Refuse to give in to your urges today, and I promise you that tomorrow you'll care a little less about your Snooki-kins.

other option you have.

How do my girlfriend

and I divvy up holi-

days with our families?

Kelly Kelly Pick a holiday to

giving with yours, New Year's

spend with each fam-Thanks-

with hers, then next year, swap.

Michelle Orifyou can't decide

without someone missing out,

invite people to join you at your

start your own traditions and

house instead.

don't forget to use soap.

THE RIGHT MOVES

### DON'T BE THAT GUY!

Eager to impress a honey this weekend? Heed Brie Bella's sage advice.

It's awful when a guy wears.. "Saggy, saggy jeans that fall

past his butt. Gross. To get a second date, he must ...

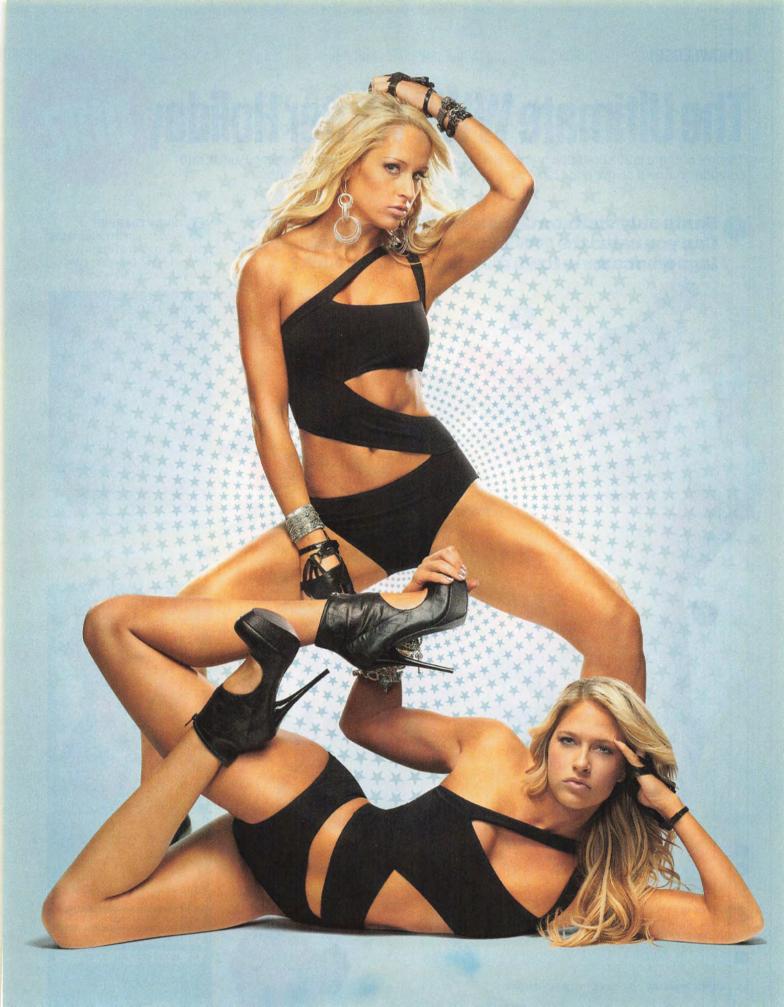
"Not divulge too much. Make me want to learn more."

Never tell a woman...

"There's something wrong with her outfit. Ever."



My girlfriend wants more "quality time" and suggested we take yoga together. Denied! I argued for mountain climbing. Is there a compromise? Michelle Yes. Go mountain climbing, then stretch out your body through yoga. Compromise doesn't mean finding a totally new activity. Make time for both. Kelly Kelly But if you guys will be miserable doing both, there needs to be a middle ground. Try Pilates. It involves stretching and is a lot more rigorous than yoga. Or a simple hike. You'll still be outdoors and it definitely lets you exert your muscles, requires yoga-like stretching and provides time for reflection. Plus, you can plan a picnic afterward!

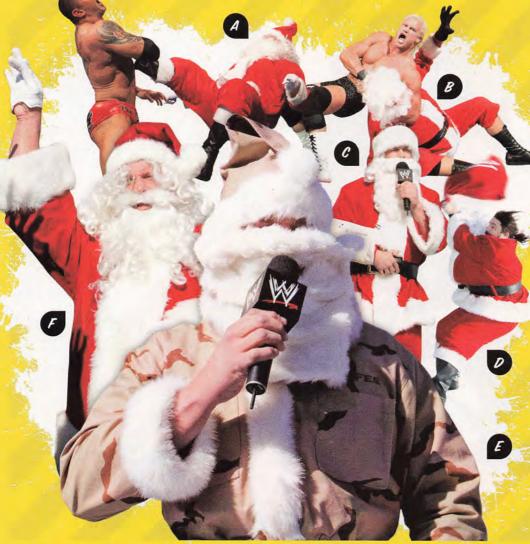


# The Ultimate WWE Winter Holiday

There's nothing jolly about this test on all things tinsel in sports-entertainment. Pass it, and consider yourself on our good list. Fail it, and prepare for some season's beatings.

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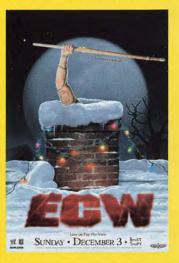
7 True or False?

Harvey Wippleman managed a Superstar who billed himself as Santa Claus' evil brother, Xanta Klaus.

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Guess The PPV!
We removed the lettering from this poster of a now-defunct WWE pay-per-view.
Can you name the event?



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"In true holiday spirit,
I dressed up as an elf
at 2005's Armageddon,
but Boogeyman ruined my
Christmas cheer with a
sneak attack. Who am I?"

- A LORD ALFRED HAYES
- B GORILLA MONSOON
- C NUNZIO
- D "MEAN" GENE OKERLUND



True or False?

regarding who was the real

Austin pinned JBL to win

WWE's first, and only, Good

Santa vs. Bad Santa Match at

2005's Tribute To The Troops.

St. Nicholas, Stone Cold Steve

After a heated debate

- A TIFFANY
- B MICKIE JAMES
- C ERIC ESCOBAR
- 1 A MATCH AGAINST KANE
- 2 A "RICKY O. RALLY" TOWEL

BY CARLOS MEJIA

9 Stipulation!
In years past, the folks pictured below were given awful Christmas gifts. Can you match the Superstar or Divato the lousy presents each unwrapped on national TV?

3 A JENNY CRAIG MEMBERSHIP

WHO AM 1?

Guess The Superstar!
Can you identify the grappler, pictured here on the 12/21/09 episode of Raw, who is dressed as Santa Claus while sitting on the lap of The World's Largest Athlete?

Every kid's gotta have a holiday wish list, and that's why WWE Shop releases an annual holiday-themed catalog. Can you guess which of these WWE Shop covers is bogus?







RATING SCALE

### Time's Up!

Pencils down. Consult the answers—
the upside-down
text below—and
the nifty scale to the
right to determine
the holiday flick with
which you're worthy
of comparison. We
shouldn't have
to remind you:
The higher your
score, the better!



THE SANTA CLAUSE 3



FOUR CHRISTMASES



Guess Me!

"Before I

was inducted into

the WWE HOF.

I hit my finisher

upon an imposter

Santa Claus, My

name is ...?"

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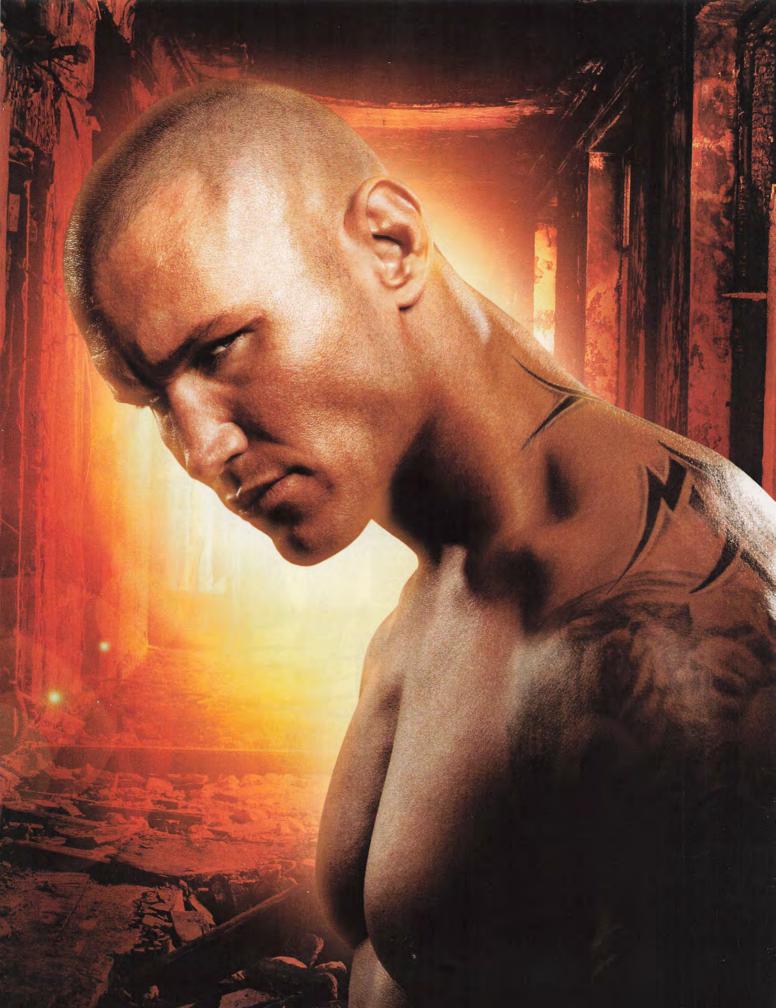


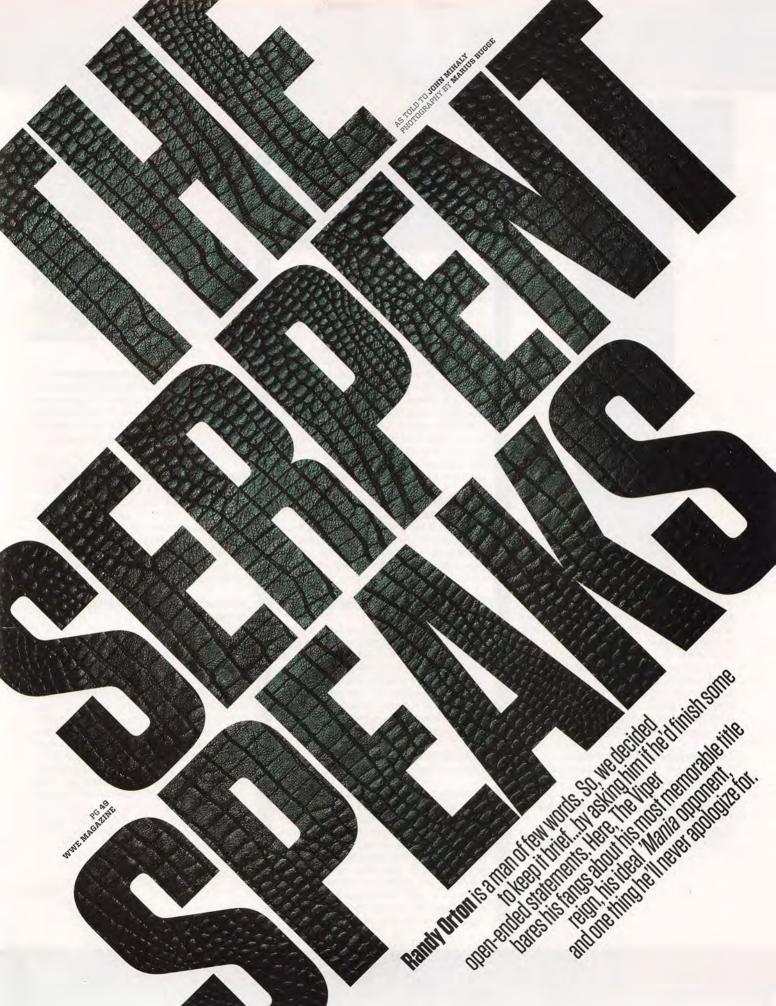
A CHRISTMAS STORY

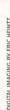














### he difference between a good match and a great match in WWE is always...

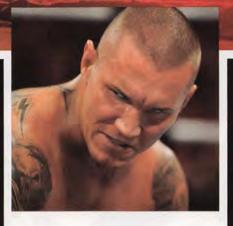
How I leave the live audience and how they respond or react. At this past SummerSlam, Sheamus and I had what I consider to be a very good match-the crowd, however, was just kind of down. It was weird. If we contested that same match a month earlier or a week later, even in the same arena, the reaction might've been 10 times louder. Even though a match is technically good, if it's the last one during a three-hour show... well, sometimes the crowd is spent.

### I describe my wrestling style as...

Old-school and grassroots. Not flashy. Hard-hitting. No wasted movement.

### The one wrestling move I'd love to perform, but can't, is...

Anything off the top rope-Justin Gabriel's 450 Splash or Evan Bourne's Shooting Star Press.



### The only opinion about my in-ring performance that matters is...

Arn Anderson's. If it weren't for a lot of people, I wouldn't be where I am todayincluding Mr. McMahon, my father, Triple H, and even Ric Flair. But I think that, more than anybody, the way that Arn has worked with me-the way that he's able to communicate with me-is the way I'm best able to absorb it. There used to be a time when I wouldn't take all of his advice, when I'd pick and choose parts of it. And once I completely let him guide me, I became the Superstar you see today. It all started to click back in 2007. I thank him even to this day. If it weren't for his guidance, I wouldn't be where I'm at now.

### The physical attribute I don't get enough credit for is...

My biceps. A lot of people have lagging body parts that take extra effort to hone, but my biceps aren't one of mine. My biceps are just genetically perfectly round, and I've never had to train too hard to get them that way.

### People would be most surprised to find out that...

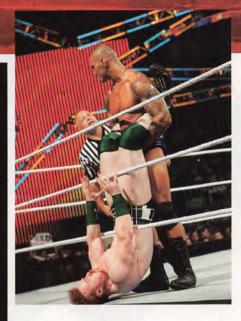
I like reptiles. I've always been fascinated by them. I had a 12-foot Burmese python in high school and a four-foot Savannah monitor, which is a carnivorous lizard. But it was as tame as a dog. It used to sit in my lap when I'd watch TV, and I'd pet it. Oddly enough, the whole "Viper" persona is a total coincidence. Commentators just started referring to me as The Viper, and describing me as viper-like.

### I have to trim my hair...

Once every week.

### Whenever someone rides in Randy Orton's car, the one rule is...

Your shoes better be clean. I own a Bentley that's about three or four months old and the interior is magnolia-a very light cream color. I also bought charcoal-gray leather floor mats, so even a pair of clean shoes could scuff the interior up. My daughter doesn't even ride in the car. I'm pretty OCD about keeping that thing clean. But no one's really committed a foul in the vehicle, because I'm on top of it.



### The last time I was disappointed was...

Back in April, when all the ash from that volcano way in Iceland grounded us overseas. That ate up almost five days of family time. The time off scheduled after that tour was spent in a hotel in Belfast instead. There was nothing I could do about it.

### My most memorable title reign was...

When I first won the Intercontinental Championship against Rob Van Dam at 2003's Armageddon. I held it for seven-and-a-half months, which is up there in terms of time. Honky Tonk Man, Jeff Hardy, Shelton Benjamin and only a few others have held it longer. It was definitely my most memorable because it was the first major championship of my career.

### The one famous athlete I'd like to deliver an RKO to is...

Tiger Woods.

### I stopped wearing wrist tape during matches...

For no real reason other than just trying out different things. Maybe so you could see all of my tattoos. I always wore white wrist tape, and then a few years ago, I changed to black, and I noticed that that made a pretty big difference. I was a bad guy, and the black just went with everything. Then I thought, "Maybe no wrist tape-I'll give it a shot," and I did that for probably the better half of this year. I actually started wearing it again a couple of weeks ago. I like making little changes, and seeing if people pick up on them. It didn't help or hinder my performance; the wrist tape's more of a cosmetic thing, anyway.



# "I look in the mirror and stare in my eyes, and that's when I get in the zone. It's seconds before my music hits. And when I walk up to that curtain, I'm there."

### The moment I get in the zone before a match is...

When I'm standing behind the curtain in Gorilla position. It happens before I even come out. There's a mirror right there, so you can get a last look and make sure you don't have snot on your nose, or whatever. I look in the mirror and stare in my eyes, and that's when I get in the zone. It's seconds before my music hits. And when I walk up to that curtain, I'm there. When my music starts, in that split-second before I walk out, that's probably the height of my preparation.

### Growing up, my role model was...

Like most kids, my father. He was gone a lot, but he was also on television and the other kids at school knew that. So my dad was cooler than most other dads. He'd come home and bring me stuff that he acquired overseas, especially from Japan. The toys, games and puzzles from Japan were so different from anything in the States.

### When I was younger, I always thought it would be cool to be...

A stunt man. As a kid I used to like to climb trees and jump from the top of the staircase and do crazy things like that. Being a stunt man always seemed adventurous.

### The biggest improvement I have made in the ring since my debut is...

That my confidence level has gone up. I'd have to say that that's one of the most important attributes to have in this business. If you're not confident in yourself and your abilities, as soon as you walk through the curtain, the fans can sense that right away.

The number of gas masks I own is... Zero.

### In St. Louis, the best place to eat is...

The Drunken Fish. It's a sushi restaurant. The "St. Louis Roll" is quite spectacular—it's got avocado, cream cheese, shrimp and salmon.

### When I received my first WWE paycheck, the first thing I ran out and purchased was...

A 2001 Silverado. I don't own that truck anymore. I only put about 20,000 miles on it.

### The best part about Twitter is...

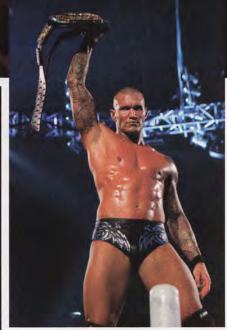
It lets fans know who Randy Orton really is. There are a lot of fans out there that think I'm an arrogant jerk, or hard to talk to. It's humanized me a little more, which may or may not be a good thing.

### The one song I never want to hear again is...

My old entrance music. I forgot the name of it. I think it might have been called "Burn In My Light."

### At WrestleMania XXVII I want to...

Win. Hopefully I'll still be the champion. I think I'd like to face John Cena. We started in OVW together 10 years ago and came up through the ranks. We have quite the history, of course. I think that the two of us going at it at 'Mania' would be epic. We have so many things in common and, at the same time, there's so much contrast between us as well.



### The one match I'd like to see appear on my first DVD is...

Randy Orton vs. Cactus Jack, from 2004's *Backlash*. I feel that's when the fans started respecting me for the first time. I think every Superstar who is just coming up has a moment when he's no longer considered a rookie anymore. For me, it came during that match. I'd just been in my first *WrestleMania* the month prior, where I beat The Rock 'N' Sock Connection with Evolution. So I was coming down off-that high, only to wrestle Cactus Jack in a 35-minute match. Every variable in that equation was perfect—everything seemed to flow just right. It was the loudest crowd I've ever fought in front of.

### I will never apologize for...

Punting Mr. McMahon in the skull.

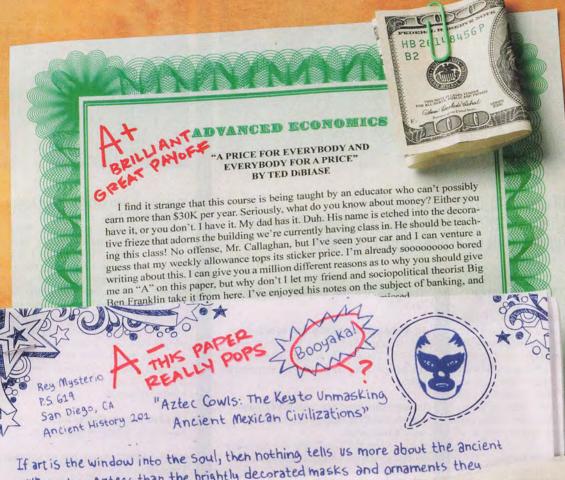
### If I quit WWE tomorrow, on my last day I would...

That's impossible to answer, on the grounds that I'd never quit under any circumstances.





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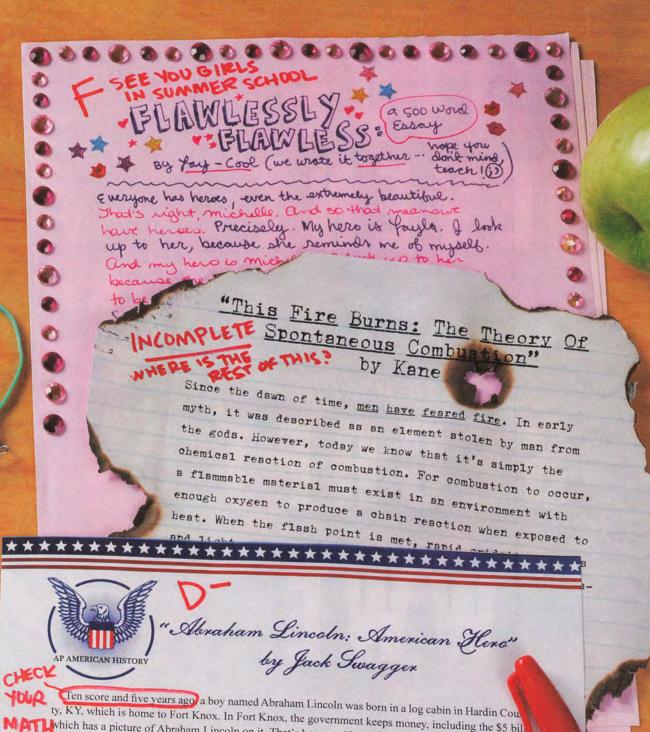
### MYSTERY REPORTS

We uncovered a slew of Superstar papers, but most were missing a proper heading. Can you guess who wrote these essays based on the titles alone?

- A. "This Is Not ATerm Paper: A Study In Shamanism"
- B. "King For A Day: A Defense Of Villainy In
- C. "The Gilded Touch: The Legend Of King Midas"
- D. "I Cannot Tell A Lie: The Truth Behind George Washington And The Cherry Tree"
- E. "The Mighty Meteor: The Physics Of Shooting Stars" G. DOLPH ZIGGLER: H. EDGE; I. SHEAMUS.
  ANY WASHES - A. JOHN MORRISON; B. WILLIAM REGAL; C. GOLDUST; D. R.TRUTH; E. EVAN BOURNE; F. CM PUNK;
- F. "How the D.A.R.E. Program Changed My Life (And How)
- G. "Attaining Perfection: Narcissism As A Life Choice" Can Change Yours)"
- H. "Opportunism: How To Ultimately Lose Friends
- And Alienate Everybody" I. "Melano-mania: Shedding Light On The Dangerous Effects Of Sun Exposure"

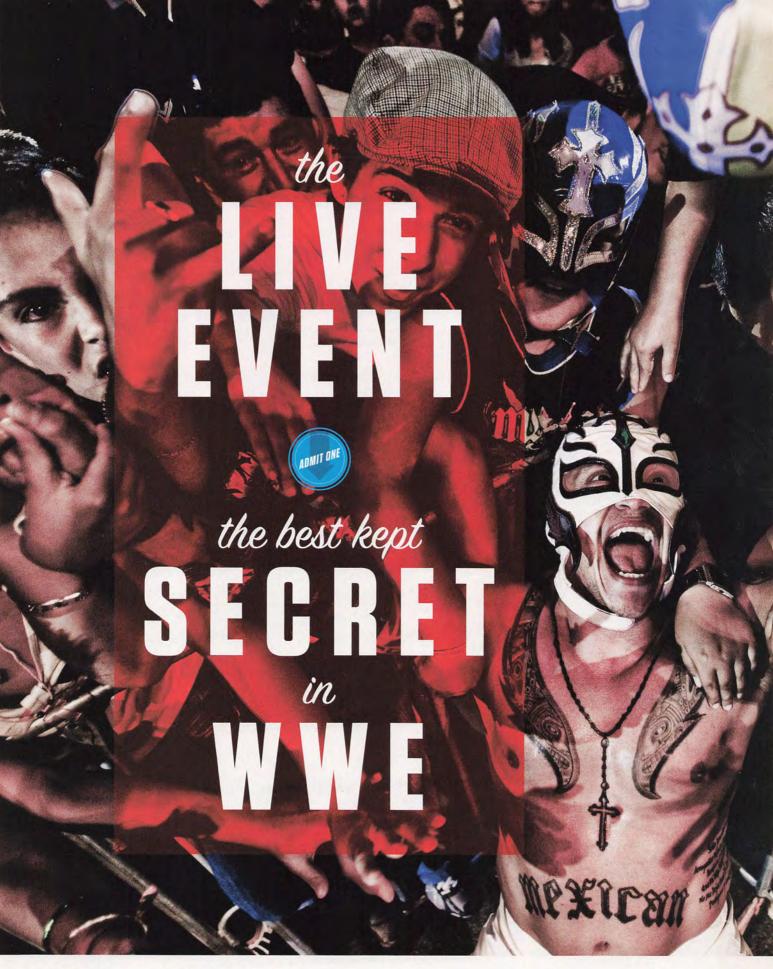
ANSWERS

During their teen years, Superstars and Divas wrestled with **homework assignments** just like the rest of us. They've since **graduated to the ring**, but we've unearthed excerpts from some of their startling **high-school essays** and **term papers!** PHOTOGRAPHY BY **SATOSHI** 



Clen score and five years ago a boy named Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Hardin Courty, KY, which is home to Fort Knox. In Fort Knox, the government keeps money, including the \$5 bill which has a picture of Abraham Lincoln on it. That's because Abraham Lincoln was the best president ever, although I bet he never won a Punt, Pass & Kick contest. Even so, without President Lincoln, we wouldn't have 50 stars on the American flag, because some of those stars would have gone and made their own flag.

President Lincoln fought in many major battles and won them all because he learned to wrestle at a young age. When he was 22, he grappled with a guy named Jack Armstrong from the Clary Grove Boys stable. Lincoln made this loser tap out by using his leverage—the dude was 6'4". I'm 6'6", so I could've kicked Lincoln's are No offense Lincoln's are not could've





Superstars and Divas compete every Monday and Friday night, and on the occasional Sunday. But they also battle on other days of the week, usually in smaller towns throughout the U.S.-and around the world-to deliver incredible, untelevised performances. These intimate shows are all about the fans, and if you haven't witnessed one yet, here's a dozen-plus reasons why you're missing out.

### FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY, YOUR TOWN IS THE CENTER OF THE WWE UNIVERSE...

Whether it's Valparaiso, IN, Cohasset, MA, or Bristol, TN, when WWE rolls into town, your home is the center of our world. And if you're really lucky, just maybe you'll meet your favorite Superstar...who's filling up at the gas station, grabbing a bite to eat at the local diner or working out at the nearest gym. Occasionally, we simultaneously present a *Raw* show and a *SmackDown* event in two different locations. When that happens, both towns rule equally.

### SEE THE UNSEEN! HEAR THE UNHEARD!

When you attend a live event, you'll see things completely unavailable to television audiences. You'll hear things that can't be said on *Raw* and *SmackDown*. Sometimes, WWE's most important title changes even occur at live events. Bret Hart defeated Ric Flair for his first WWE Championship up north in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (10/12/92). Diesel crushed Bob Backlund in a matter of seconds for the title at Madison Square Garden (11/26/94).



Edge won the first of his record 28 WWE titles at a live event in his hometown of Toronto (7/24/99). These watershed moments were witnessed by a precious few! Added bonus: Many live events present an opportunity for fans to see Superstars from Raw mix it up with SmackDown talent. For example, at the 5/1/10 Knoxville, TN, SmackDown live event, Raw's Randy Orton emerged from backstage to battle Jack Swagger for the World Heavyweight Championship. Uninvited guests always make for an eventful evening.

### CATCH UNDOCUMENTED CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Prior to Night Of Champions, we can't recall The Miz ever defending his United States Championship. Isn't there a clause in every titleholder's contract that states he must defend his championship at least once every 30 days? Yes, and as it turns out, The Miz complied by defending his gold at live events, as do all WWE champions. It pains us to say it, but The Awesome One is indeed a fighting champion.

### **BIGGER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER**

Nothing against WrestleMania, but most live event venues in the U.S. reach maximum capacity at 10,000 fans, with some smaller arenas sporting as few as 2,500 seats. This means that you're right on top of the

action, and can hear every punch, kick, grunt and slam. Seats behind feet from the ring, as compared to the 10 feet separating crowds from Superstar entranceway is also only 12-to-14 feet in width, as compared events. What does this mean for you? It exponentially increases your with Kofi or Evan or hurling an insult at Sheamus or Edge.

### IT SURE BEATS A MATINEE OF "HOW DO YOU KNOW"

Many WWE live events are scheduled for weekends, during fan-friendly hours that cater more to younger fans and their parents. In fact, some events begin in the afternoon, which leaves attendees the entire evening to enjoy prized reruns of Ghost Whisperer. How's that for convenient?

### SATURDAY NIGHT IS ALRIGHT FOR A FIGHT

Unless there's a pay-per-view scheduled for Sunday, there's no new WWE programming on TV during the weekend. Need your fix? Come see some live action!

### ACHIEVE INTERCONTINEN-TAL STATUS!

Lest you forget, the first "W" in WWE stands for "World." Our programs are broadcast in more than 145 countries

around the globe and we've performed shows in 17 nations this year alone (including France, Australia and China). So, if you've got the travel bug, why not check out a live event in a foreign port of call? And be sure to teach the locals all the proper North American crowd chants: "You tapped out, you tapped out!"

### MEET THE FUTURE OF WWE

Before their Raw, SmackDown or WWE NXT debuts, new Superstars and Divas often cut their teeth at live events. For example, at the 6/12/10 show in Roanoke, VA, fans were introduced to long-winded blowhard Alberto Del Rio in one of his very first WWE appearances. Who knows when the next Stone Cold or The Rock will debut. Don't you want to be able to say, "I was there!"?

### FIND STUFF YOU CAN'T BUY ON WWESHOP.COM

Kofi Kingston "I've actually been the victim of a title loss, at a live event in Ontario, where CM Punk and I lost our World Tag Team Championships to The Miz & Morrison. No one expected us to lose-it was a genuine shock. You never know what's going to happen at these live events."

> WWEShop.com offers a huge selection of merch, but if you're jonesin' for something totally unique, hit a live event, where you can pick up one-of-kind memorabilia, like an autographed John Cena photo or a WWE "I Was There" tour T-shirt. And, of course, live events are the only locations where we sell foam fingers, a must-have for all discerning sports-entertainment collectors.

### BASK IN THE GLOW OF **BONA-FIDE LEGENDS**

At many live events, WWE's finest referees call in the cavalry, specifically WWE Hall of Famers, to take on the role of Special Guest Referee



Eve "We know we can be more playful at live events because they're not televised. So we've had bouts like Beachwear Matches, in which we douse each other with squirt guns. Believe it or not, there's a lot of hijinks going on. The crowd loves it. If that's not an incentive to go to a live event, I don't know what is!"







- 1. Sheamus is actually even more pale in person. Believe it!
- 2. Yes, Drew McIntyre has fans—just so you know...
- 3. Act like a knucklehead with Big Show at a live event.
- **4.** Jack Swagger loves the live event audience that much.
- 5. Fans sit right atop the in-ring action!
- **6.** Evan Bourne pulls out all the stops—just as he does on *Raw*.
- **7.** Meet Superstars like Alberto Del Rio before anyone else does.

MVP "We aren't restricted by time limits at live events because they're not televised. So we get to have a lot more fun with the audience. You'll see things that are uncharacteristic of Superstars-things they would never do on TV but they'll do at a live event because it's intimate. We have a lot more interaction with the fans. Sometimes I'll grab a sign from the crowd. If it says, 'So-and-So Superstar Sucks.' I'll take it, point out the person that made it, say something like.

'She did this,' and

then rip it up."

or Ring Enforcer. You might witness such Superstars of yesteryear as Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat or "Rowdy" Roddy Piper mixing it up with today's younger whippersnappers. Heck, just this September (9/25/10), Bret Hart marked his return to New York's Madison Square Garden by locking Justin Gabriel in the Sharpshooter. Just don't keep your fingers crossed hoping to see a cameo by Aldo Montoya—it ain't gonna happen.

### GO FOR THE WRESTLING, STAY FOR THE WRESTLING

Due to the size of most live event venues, there's no room for the TitanTron or to set off pyro. There are no commentators and no television cameras. The whole experience is about the Superstars and the action inside the ring. Although we've banned the corny term "old school" from the pages of this magazine, it's spot-on in describing the feel of a live event, which is wrestling in its purest form.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

Fan participation is off the charts at live events. At some shows, you can actually decide the stipulations being contested. For instance, during a former tour of Cheyenne, WY, fans voted to see MVP and Matt Hardy fight in a No DQ Match. Last year, Hornswoggle challenged an attendee to a Dance-Off in Loveland, CO. This past January, CM Punk tried to induct a WWE Universe

member from Florence, SC, into The SES. Best of all, if you know your WWE trivia, you might win something special at the event, like a chance to serve as the Special Bell Ringer; hey, it happened to a lucky fan in Wildwood, NJ, on 8/28/10!

### FIND YOUR NEXT LIVE EVENT NOW!

The handy calendar that opens the Watch It section of each issue of WWE Mag (see pages 30-31), lists the month's live events. But for comprehensive coverage, you should bookmark WWW.WWE.

COM/SCHEDULES/EVENTS/ for an online calendar of dates and locations. Order in advance, and give yourself plenty of time to finish up those "I Hate The Miz" signs.



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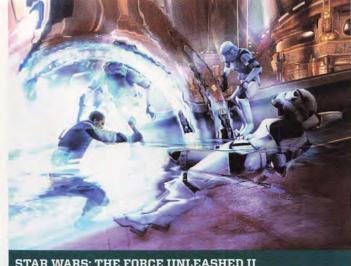
TOY BELTS!



Figure Gear!



inter heralds frumpy jackets, thumb-numbing cold, and plowed-under driveways. It also brings with it a surge in sweet, holidayreadied video games. The industry's rollout of the best titles of the year is perfect for players who bide their time until spring by hunkering down in front of the TV. We've sorted through all the offerings and narrowed down the field to highlight the most promising games. There's something for everyone here: shooters, RPGs, music sims, and of course, awesome wrestling action. We're confident our picks will keep you occupied until Memorial Day. What then? Time to hit the tanning bed, champ.



### STAR WARS: THE FORCE UNLEASHED II

XBOX 360, PS3, Wii, DS [T]

In 2008's The Force Unleashed, players controlled Darth Vader's mighty apprentice, Starkiller, Wielding a lightsaber and the powers of the Dark Side, Starkiller wreaked havoc on the good guys, slaying waves of Jedi in satisfyingly sadistic ways. In short, he proved that bad guys have all the fun. In The Force Unleashed II, Starkiller and his emphysemasuffering Sith boss aren't exactly on the best of terms-it seems Vader has even hired Boba Fett to track down his former underling. Lucky for Starkiller, he has a new arsenal of amped-up Force powers to help him through his journey, from lightning bolts to the bone-crushing Force grip. Our favorite new power? The Mind Trick, which allows Starkiller to turn Stormtroopers against one another. lucasarts.com/games/theforceunleashed2



### PS3, PC [T]

In the world of MMORPGs, there's World of Warcraft, and then there's everything else. This latest challenger to the Warcraft throne boasts not a single ogre or elf, but it does have some serious pop-culture muscle behind it in the form of the entire 70-year DC Comics roster. While gamers can't play as Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Joker or other iconic characters, they can fight alongside (or against) them using their custom-made heroes and villains. The unique fighting system allows you to take full advantage of your character's powers, which is good news for comic-book geeks and gamers alike. Choose your allegiance, create your unique abilities and don your costume-the world is waiting. dcuniverseonline.com



PS3, Wii, DS [T]

While The Lord of the Rings has given way to such tween blockbusters as Twilight, Middle Earth is still a thriving world worthy of video game adventuring. In this new title, Aragorn, the iconic hero of man, is back to relive some of his most epic adventures. Travel with him to Rivendell, the mines of Moria and many other locales from the mind of J.R.R. Tolkien. You know the drill—hack and slash your way through various waves of monsters. The swordplay is nonstop, though rollicking, which makes this more of a fun trip down memory lane than a dark tale of betrayal and destruction. Best for Wii and PS3, the game lets players wield motion controllers so that they feel as though they're actually parrying mythical beasts. aragornsquest.com



CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS

XBOX 360, PS3, Wii, PC, DS [M]

Honestly, the CoD team could make a Franco-Prussian War game and we'd still mount up. But we're plenty happy that this entry takes place during the 1960s, at the dawn of the Vietnam War. Players jump among several characters in settings ranging from Cuba to Eastern Europe, battling through massive firefights and even taking a run in a combat helicopter. Storyline aside, we all know the online multiplayer is the real reason to play. There are new perks for high-scoring matches and drivable vehicles that make a welcome return after going MIA in years past. For big spenders, the \$150 "Prestige Edition" of the game includes an actual working RC-XD Video Surveillance Vehicle, sure to be the envy of friends and fellow grunts. callofduty.com



In a sea of copycat music games built around plastic guitars and the occasional drum kit, DJ Hero stood out for its (yes, plastic) turntable controller and inventive set list of custom music mash-ups. It was an innovative idea-rather than pressing the fret buttons on a guitar or bass in sequence with the game's assorted tunes, players could spin the turntable at accentuated beats and crossfade between two separate tracks. The sequel keeps the same basic simulated action on the ones and twos, and even the same plastic turntable. But it does add some much-needed freedom, allowing players to mix more than 70 tracks (including everything from Metallica to Usher), and even grab a mic and sing along to the hooks. Fresh. djhero.com

### SENSORY UPGRADE



### MOVE OVER, WiiMOTE...

\* Looking like a Wii controller jerry-rigged to a snow cone, Sony's Move motion controller should feel familiar to anyone who's ever played a round of Mario Tennis. But instead of a sensor bar, the Move uses the PlayStation Eve to track controller movement, allowing for serious accuracy and real-time responsiveness. The controller will set you back \$50 (and many games work best with a pair), plus an additional \$40 for the PS Eye, and another \$30 for an optional analog stick controller. Hey, the future ain't cheap. sony.com





"Call of Duty: Black Ops comes on the heels of arguably the best First-Person Shooter ever. How do you ton that? When someone claims to be better than the best, that piques my interest to see whether they can deliver. I'm definitely excited to play."



Grab two PlayStation Move controllers, put up your dukes and prepare to unleash all your pent-up aggression in this immersive fightfest. Players compete in underground bouts, throwing hooks, jabs, headlocks and even the occasional elbow using Sony's motion-sensor controller. The prevailing aesthetic is Raging Bull meets Fight Club, with bouts cast in a black-and-white monochrome, punctuated by the occasional splash of red. While it's not completely realistic—special moves still require some button-mashing-throwing punches and blocks with both hands in real-time is perhaps the most satisfying implementation of the PS Move thus far. And it's also the most satisfying way to go toe-to-toe with that buddy of yours who put the moves on your sister. us.playstation.com





After adding drums and microphones to the standard guitar/bass lineup a couple years ago, music game creators pretty much jumped the digital shark in the realm of simulated instruments, right? Well, proving that concept wrong is the ever-persistent *Rock Band* series. The third installment adds a new, two-octave keyboard to the mix of digital drums and guitars. Enabling users to form and play actual chords, the keyboard provides yet another level of fun when jamming along to tracks made famous by such artists as Paramore, Avenged Sevenfold and Amy Winehouse. But perhaps the biggest standout is the sold-separately, pro-level guitar featuring more than 100 individual fret buttons. Break out the bandanas and Lycra—it's time to make some music. rockband.com





"Rock Band has always been a great game. But now that I have an actual studio in my house, I've been focusing on 'making' music, not 'playing' around with it. That said, when getting a bunch of friends together, there's nothing like a few rounds of Rock Band."

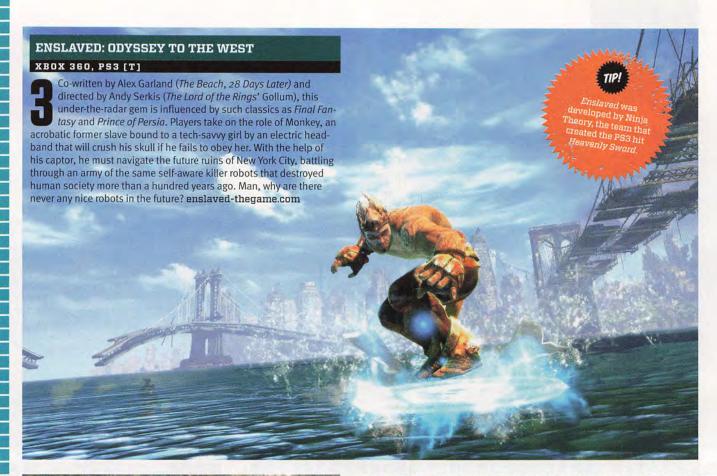
### BEHOLD ME!



### GAMING'S NEW DIMENSION

Nintendo's upcoming 3DS offers 3D action with none of the lame eyewear

The biggest problem with 3D tech is the need for silly-looking glasses to view the eye-popping graphics. Not so with Nintendo's upcoming 3DS, the next gen of the handheld DS. Like the current model, the 3DS touts two screens, but the large one on top is able to show stereoscopic 3D images that can be seen by the naked eye. The effect isn't exactly *Avatar*-like, but it's convincing on both video footage and in games. Available in spring 2011, the 3DS hopes to change gaming foreyer, nintendo.com





As long as there are speed limits and seat belt laws, there will be a crop of outlaw racing games. The *Need for Speed* series has churned out more than a dozen variations in the past, focusing on everything from underground racing to performance car tuning. Hot Pursuit, the latest iteration, is built around one of the most popular *Need for Speed* features—tire-melting police chases. Gamers play as either speeder or cop, racing across 100 miles of open road. Evading the 5-0 is pure fun, and the list of vehicles—from the Bugati Veyron 16.4 and Dodge Viper SRT 10 to the Lamborghini Reventón and Porsche Cayman S—is satisfying. But the best feature may be the custom social-networking tool, which lets you issue challenges and sends screenshots to your online friends, taunting them to jump into the game and catch you if they can. hotpursuit.needforspeed.com





"I've never been into NASCAR, but I used to play racing games like Cruis'n World and Cruis'n USA, where you could do tricks with the cars. I've always been a big fan of old-school type arcade racing games for next-gen systems. NFS Hot Pursuit looks sweet."

### CAM-TASTIC!



### YOU'RE IN CONTROL

Check out the Kinect, Microsoft's newest motion-capture controller.

\* Microsoft's Kinect turns you into a living controller courtesy of a high-tech webcamesque device that tracks your movements in real time. (Read: No more scouring for batteries!) The system feels slightly less responsive than the Move, but it allows users to control the Xbox 360's multimedia functions via hand gestures and voice commands. Utter, "Xbox, launch Netflix!" and you'll be streaming Arrested Development eps in no time. That said, the point of Kinect is to get you up and off your arse. microsoft.com



### SMACKDOWN VS RAW 2011 XBOX 360, PS3, Wii [T]

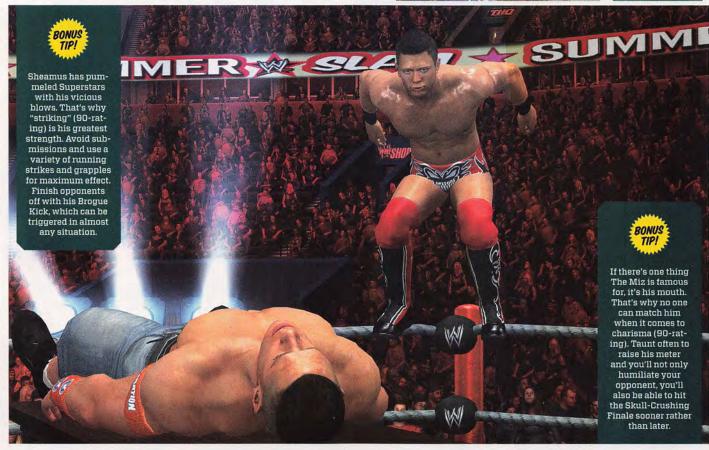
As much a video-game heavyweight now as the *Tiger Woods*, *Madden* or *Call of Duty* series, THQ's annual in-ring throwdown is a must-play event. This year's version includes more than 70 playable characters, all featuring awesome new textures and animations. Pick your favorite Superstars or Divas and mix them together in a wide variety of stips and bouts, from Hell In A Cell to Money In The Bank Ladder Matches. Tables, chairs and ladders fly with the help of a highly realistic new physics system; Superstars move and appear much more lifelike thanks to new MUSCLEFLEX technology; and The Road to *WrestleMania*'s storyline is shaped by the various choices you make during gameplay, meaning no single game will unfold exactly the same way. Of course, the popular character-creation tools return to let fans build their own Superstars from the ground up, complete with custom finishing moves, outfits and storylines. In short, if *SmackDown vs Raw 2011* were any more real, you'd have to ice yourself down after playing. smackdownvsraw.com





### BONUS TIP!

Rey Mysterio's 88 overall rating makes him a serious threat in SDvR 2011. Since he's a highflier, Rey is most effective with top-rope dives and running strikes. Stick to these and avoid grapples and standing strikes. Run often to keep your opponent guessing, then execute the 619 to get the crowd on its feet.





While Dolph Ziggler will seek any unfair advantage to win gold (ahem, Vickie Guerrero), the Superstar refuses to cheat in the gym. "I constantly push myself," says Dolph. "That's why I circuit train. It keeps me strong and conditioned for matches." After 30-45 minutes on a treadmill, Dolph performs a sixexercise circuit, using light-to-medium weights. The exercises are performed once, with minimum rest in between, with the entire circuit repeated three times.

Station 1 **Military Press** 

Grab a pair of dumbbells and stand with feet shoulder-width apart. Position dumbbells just above your shoulders and bend your elbows so they are below your shoulder. Press the dumbbells upward until your arms are fully extended. Lower and repeat. Dolph's Tip "It's best to perform these standing up, as it disperses the pressure evenly."



Station 2 Lat Pull-Down

> Adjust the seat so your thighs are positioned comfortably beneath the pad. Hold the bar with a shoulder-width grip, palms facing out, and then lean back slightly. Pull the bar down smoothly until it touches the top of your chest. Then, extend your arms back up. Dolph's Tip "Go light. Too much weight leads to jerky movements, and you won't benefit."



Station 3 **Abdominals** 

> During the first circuit, Dolph performs standard crunches (knees up). The second time around, he grabs a 15-to-20-pound dumbbell and performs torso twists. The third time? Leg lifts with a light dumbbell grasped between his feet. Work these in as you see fit. Dolph's Tip "Make sure you feel a tightness in your core during each exercise."



Station 4 Concentration Curls

Sit on a bench with your legs apart, with one arm hanging between them. Rest your other arm on your thigh. Grab a dumbbell with the hanging hand and slowly curl the weight up. Perform your reps and then repeat with the opposite arm. Dolph's Tip "Go slow and keep your elbow steady-it's the pivot point for this exercise."



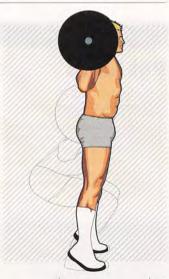
Station 5 Triceps Rope Push-Down

Adjust the cable machine to your required height and attach the rope. Grab the sides of the rope so that your thumbs are facing the ceiling, step back slightly and push your arms down until the rope spreads and your forearms are pointing at the floor. Dolph's Tip "Slow down and keep your elbows at your sides to isolate your triceps."



Station 6 Squats

You know the drill: In an athletic stance, position a bar across your shoulders and lower yourself until your thighs are parallel with the ground. But here's the Ziggler spin: When you rise back up, perform one calf raise before returning to the start. Hey, no one said perfection was easy. Dolph's Tip "Combining squats and calf raises is a great way to superset your legs."

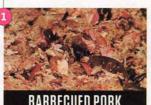


### BODY SHOP

NUTRITION

# HEARTY

George Foreman's grill has nothing on the slow cooker. The simple kitchen appliance can make hearty, nutritious meals without much effort. "Plug it in, add ingredients and leave it alone for hours," says Phyllis Pellman Good, author of Fix-It and Forget-It: 700 Great Slow Cooker Recipes. "There's little fuss, but lots of flavor." Sound good? Get started with these hearty recipes.



### Prep time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 8 hours

### INGREDIENTS

3 lbs. pork, cubed 2 cups onions, chopped 3 green peppers, chopped 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup vinegar 6-oz. can tomato paste 11/2 Tbsp. chili powder 1 tsp. dry mustard 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

### DIRECTIONS

Brown your pork in a pan, then drain the grease. Next, combine all ingredients in your slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for eight hours. Shred meat with fork, mix into sauce and heat through.



### Prep time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 4-6 hours

### INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. pork spareribs 3/4 cup vinegar 1/2 cup ketchup 2 Tbsp. sugar 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce 1 garlic clove, minced 1 tsp. dry mustard 1 tsp. paprika 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. pepper 1 Tbsp. oil

### DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients except spareribs and oil in your slow cooker. In a separate skillet, brown the ribs in oil. Drain the grease and transfer to the slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 4-6 hours.



### INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. ground beef 1 large onion, diced 2 8-oz. cans diced tomatoes 2 8-oz. cans tomato puree 16-oz. can kidney beans 4-oz, can diced green chilies 1 cup water 2 garlic cloves, minced 2 Tbsp. mild chili powder 2 tsp. salt; 1 tsp. pepper 2 tsp. ground cumin

Brown beef and onion in skillet. Drain and place in slow cooker on high. Stir in your remaining ingredients and cook on high for 30 minutes. Reduce to low and cook for 4-6 hours.

### WHAT A CROCK!

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### [BODY SHOP]



Weight Belt "This was made for me by Cardillo, the company that crafted belts for John Cena and Triple H. It's custom-fitted and features a Super Girl logo."



Oxygen and Clean Eating "I love these. They're for fit and ultrafit women, with advice for competition training as well as great healthy recipes."



Bandanas "I wear these bandanas whenever I'm at the gym. I use them to tie my hair back so my locks don't get too out of control when I'm working out."



DVDs "Popeye is the story of an underdog versus a bully, which is similar to situations in WWE. And it's a great love story, too. I can watch it any time."

# WHAT'S IN YOUR TRAVEL BAG?





Batman Graphic Novels "This is one of my favorites. It's so wellwritten, with great twists. I love the romance between Batman and Catwoman."



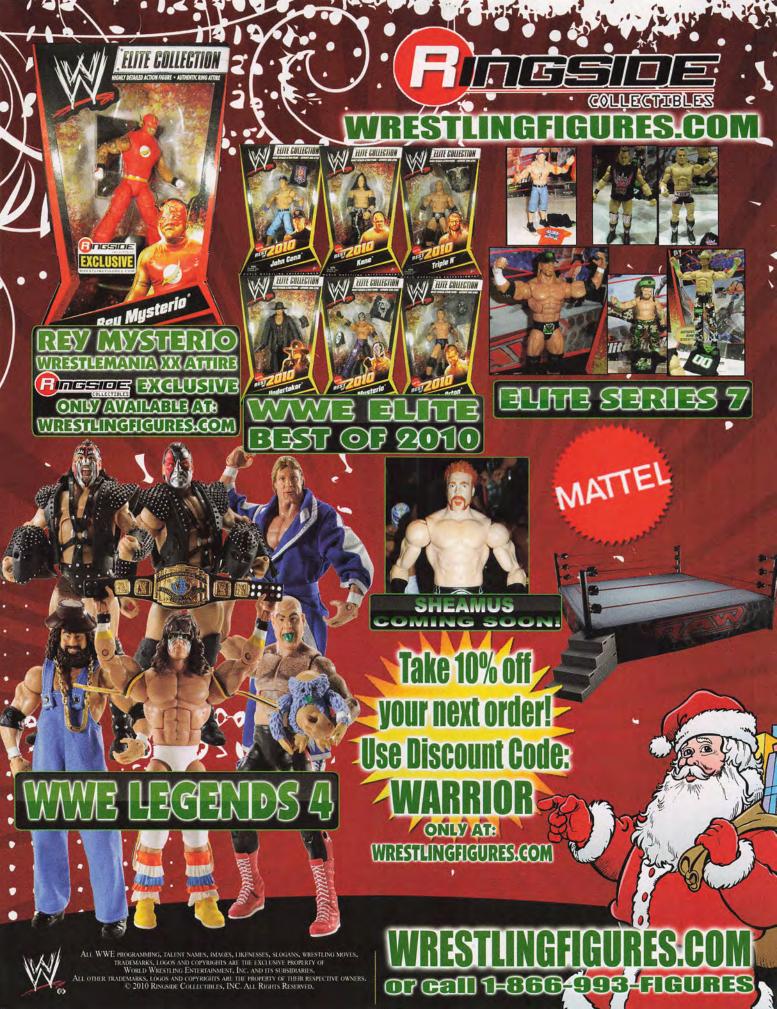
Lunch Box "Little Beth Phoenix had a lunch box like this, but her brother broke it. Luckily, I found this one and now use it to store my headbands."



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# Tap-Out Of The Month

Daniel Bryan locks up
The Miz...and his first title!

It's a story we see time and time again in WWE, yet we never tire of it—a student surpassing his master. In this case, former *WWE NXT* rookie and Nexus castoff Daniel Bryan taught his Pro, The Miz, new lessons in pain when he caught him in the Lebell Lock submission maneuver. Miz tapped and relinquished his U.S. Championship in the process. Now that's awesome!

9/19 Night Of Champions

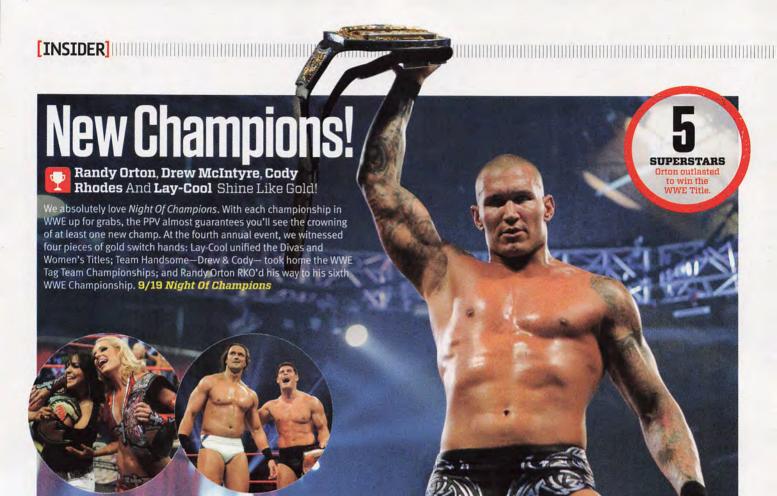
Randy Orton Is Champ Yet Again

Kane Bashes Up His Bro

Morrison And Sheamus Brawl For It All

Kaval Wins WWE NXT Season 2









Seconds it took The Viper to land four RKOs on Wade Barrett, Darren Young, Edge & Sheamus (Raw, 9/6/10)!



## Biggest

#### Gallows Is Down For The Count

Still smarting from a SummerSlam loss, Luke Gallows had his lights put out by The World's Largest Athlete, Big Show, and his giant fist. Goodnight, Gallows! 9/9 WWE Superstars

#### 8/23 STAPLES Center

- Los Angeles, CA
- Edge R-Truth
- · Chris Jericho @
- The Great Khali
- Melina lillian
- The Miz @ John Cena (DQ)
- Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov @ The Usos (DO)
- Randy Orton @ Ted DiBiase and John Morrison in

- a Triple Threat Match
- Sheamus Zack Ryder

#### 8/30 TD Garden

- The Miz & Alex Riley @ Daniel Bryan & Kaval and Kofi Kingston & Michael McGilligicutty in a Triple Threat Tag Team Match
- Melina & Eve @ Layla & Michelle McCool
- R-Truth & John Morrison

- vs. Drew McIntyre & "Dashing" Cody Rhodes
- Undertaker vs. Bret Hart
- (No Contest)
- Jack Swagger @ Evan Bourne

(Double DQ)

• The Nexus O Sheamus, John Cena, Edge, Chris Jericho & Randy Orton

9/6 Verizon Center Washington, D.C.

- John Morrison @ Chris Jericho
- Melina Alicia Fox
- Iohn Cena Justin Gabriel
- Edge The Great Khali (Countout)
- Edge O The Great Khali in an Over-The-Top-Rope Challenge
- Randy Orton @ Wade Barrett

## 9/13 US Bank Arena Cincinnati, OH

- · Daniel Bryan vs. The Miz (No Contest)
- Daniel Bryan Alex Riley in a Submission Match
- Edge @ Evan Bourne in a Bodyslam Challenge
- · Mark Henry @ Edge in a Bodyslam Challenge R-Truth & Eve Ted DiBi-
- ase & Maryse in a Song and Dance Match



#### "Quote" Them On It!

The month's most memorable barks and remarks.

"THE DEVIL STILL
ANSWERS TO ME
AS 'SIR.'"
—Undertaker,
explaining why
he's The Phenom.
8/27 SmackDown





"I'M NOT A TOOL, BUT I'LL DROP THE HAMMER!" —Zack Ryder, to Edge. 9/13 Raw

"YOU'RE JBL!"
—Christian, referring
to Alberto Del Rio as
the Mexican version
of "The Wrestling God."
9/3 SmackDown



## Most Bodily Harm

#### Rey Mysterio Grounded

After surviving a beating at the hands of Kane, a battered Rey Mysterio was attacked again, this time by Alberto Del Rio, who pounded mercilessly on the masked man. Who knows when we'll see Rey flying high again.

8/27 SmackDown



- Sheamus John Morrison in a Falls Count Anywhere Match
- Chris Jericho The
   Hart Dynasty in a Steel
   Cage Handicap Match
- Goldust William Regal in a Trading Places Match
- Randy Orton John Cena in a Tables Match



8/27 Save Mart Center

- Kane Rey Mysterio in a No Disqualification Match
- CM Punk JTG
- Kofi Kingston Dolph Ziggler (Countout)
- Jack Swagger 

  MVP (DQ)
- Alberto Del Rio O local competitor
- Big Show O Luke Gallows

9/3 Times Union Center; Albany, NY

- Christian 
   Drew McIntyre
- Michelle McCool d
   Kelly Kelly
- Dolph Ziggler O
   Chris Masters
- Big Show CM Punk
   Luke Gallows (2-on-1
   Handicap Match)
- "Dashing" Cody Rhodes
   Matt Hardy

9/10 1<sup>st</sup> Mariner Arena Baltimore, MD

- Jack Swagger

  MVP
- Drew McIntyre Kaval
- Kofi Kingston & Chris Masters O Dolph Ziggler & Chavo Guerrero
- Undertaker CM Punk

9/17 Joe Louis Arena; Detroit, MI

- Drew McIntyre & "Dashing" Cody Rhodes •
- The Hart Dynasty

  Kofi Kingston 
  Jack Swagger
- Layla & Michelle McCool Kelly Kelly W/Naomi & Rosa Mendes
- CM Punk @ Christian

# The Raw Roulette We think our favorite stip-making wheel should find room for a few more matches. Might we suggest... Road Match



### Angriest Announcer

#### Michael Cole's Bad Month

During a season three episode of WWE NXT, Michael Cole grew weary of the jokes delivered by the Rookie Divas. Instead of biting his tongue, the announcer voiced his displeasure by way of a giant gong. By the end of the broadcast, a fed-up Cole walked off the show. Real professional. 9/14 WWE NXT





William Regal @ Goldust

Trent Barreta & Caylen Croft O Vance Archer & **Curt Hawkins** 

Drew McIntyre @ Chris Masters

Ted DiBiase ● Goldust

Santino Marella @ Jimmy Uso

 Kofi Kingston @ Chavo Guerrero

· R-Truth @ William Regal

• Goldust & Gail Kim @ Primo & Jillian

 Trent Barreta & Caylen Croft O Vance Archer & **Curt Hawkins** 

 Big Show Luke Gallows

 Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov @ The Usos

The Great Khali Primo

MVP Luke Gallows



## Save Mart Center

"Dashing" Cody Rhodes

#### Times Union Center Albany, NY

 Alex Riley Michael McGillicutty and Kaval

# Biggest Loser Woo, Woo Us In His First WWE Championship Match

The all-knowing, all-powerful anonymous Raw GM granted Sheamus the power to pick his own No. 1 Contender for the WWE Championship. After watching Randy Orton, Edge, Chris Jericho and The Miz win their respective matches, Sheamus chose (wait for it)...Zack Ryder! No one appreciates the attitude of Long Island Iced Z more than we do, but really? Ryder was taken out to the toolshed, er, we mean woodshed, and put down quicker than a kid whose Momma is so fat. 8/23 Raw





## **Biggest Winner**

Kaval Or Nothing

After weeks of being called cute, cuddly and midgetsized, Kaval silenced critics by beating Michael McGillicutty in the finals of WWE NXT season two. Before he could celebrate his huge win, though, The World Warrior suffered a sneak attack at the hands of the losing Rookies. But hey, at least he's got a contract, a title shot and doesn't have to wear a pink "Property of Lay-Cool" polo shirt anymore. 8/31 WWE NXT

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Mariner Arena Baltimore, MD

- Kelly Kelly & Naomi @ Alicia Fox & Maxine
- Primo & A.J. O Goldust & Aksana

#### 9/14 Joe Louis Arena Detroit, MI

- · Dolph Ziggler & Kaitlyn @ Primo & A.J.
- · Jamie Aksana



#### 9/19 Allstate Arena Chicago, IL

- Randy Orton wins Six Pack Elimination Challenge to become the new WWE Champion
- World Heavyweight Champion Kane @ Undertaker (No Holds Barred Match)
- Daniel Bryan @ The Miz
- for the United States Championship
- Intercontinental Champion Dolph Ziggler @ Kofi Kingston
- Drew McIntyre & "Dashing" Cody Rhodes win Tag Team Turmoil and WWE Tag Team Championship
- Big Show @ CM Punk
- Michelle McCool Melina in a Title Unification Lumberiill Match to become new Unified Divas Champion

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#### How is the Evan Bourne who crashlanded on ECW in 2008 different from the top gun we know today?

I've evolved a lot both in and out of the ring. I think I've grown so much in the past few years because I've faced more challenges than I ever thought I'd come across. After I injured my ankle, I had to reevaluate just how lucky I was to be here. I realized that the hard work I'd done to get into WWE wasn't enough to keep me here. I had to forge an entirely new reputation.

#### Any chance you'll debut new aerial maneuvers in the near future?

I've never, ever been content with my in-ring arsenal; it's constantly evolving. The thing with wrestling is that it's very situational, so there are moves I haven't had the chance to use yet. Plus, I'm always coming up with new maneuvers. I'd

like to think that I have a bunch of sticks of lightning in my back pocket that I can use at anytime. I can whip one out and-Zap! I have new top-rope moves, a lot of three-man and six-man combination moves-really intricate stuff. I'm always evolving. All the stuff you liked from day one will always be here; it'll just be all of that and a whole lot more. I'm earning my doctorate in sportsentertainment, and I plan on applying it.

#### Air Bourne is an awe-inspiring finisher. How did it feel to have Randy Orton counter it with an RKO? [Raw, 7/12/10]

OK, it was obviously a very devastating move. I don't think the RKO has ever been more effective. But Randy's been scouting me since I was 17. Randy and his dad, "Cowboy" Bob Orton, would come and watch me wrestle when I was first starting out. So he's had a long time to get the

timing down. I'm not worried, though. Good luck making that magic happen twice.

#### You're fearless. We love that about you. What motivates you to ascend the top rope and put your body in harm's way?

Well, I wouldn't necessarily call it fearlessness. I think there's something about guys who start wrestling very young. I started training at 17, and back then I probably weighed about 120 pounds soaking wet. But what happens is that you get whooped, stomped, clotheslined and chopped until you begin to build up calluses. Slowly but surely, you're able to start seeing punches coming and build up your conditioning, your move set and reaction time. Have I ever been scared in the ring? Sure. But I honestly think I had the fear beaten out of me at a young age. And now I take a chance every night when I ascend the top turn-



buckle to attempt Air Bourne. Yeah, it's a huge risk, but what other option do I have?

#### In his October 2010 WWE Mag cover story, The Miz said: "Evan Bourne is tremendous. He reminds me of Superman. He can fly in that ring, but outside of it he turns into Clark Kent. I don't know if he's a nerd, but he sure talks like one." Thoughts?

I'm sorry The Miz hasn't been given the grace, talent and natural ability to move in the ring like me. But I must say this: The two hardest working people in WWE are John Cena and The Miz. The Miz is on his game 24/7. That man does not rest, he does not do anything but eat, breathe and sleep our industry. So yeah, I've emulated him in part because he knows what hard work is. And if it's taken him as far as it has, I can only imagine how far it will take me.

#### You're often pegged as a "nice guy." But that's not necessarily a positive trait in sports-entertainment. Is Evan Bourne really as sweet as people think?

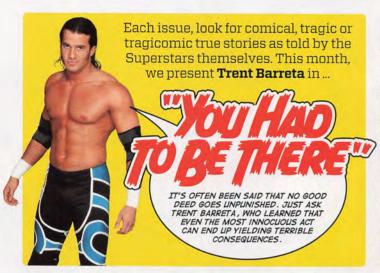
I'd like to think that if you were to see me on the street, I'd be approachable. So yeah, in that respect, you could say that I am a nice guy. But just like everyone else, if you say the wrong thing to me, I'm going to stand up for myself. And that's true in the squared circle, too. I'm not about to back down. Everyone pays hard-earned money to watch us wrestle, and I'm not about to give less than 110 percent. That's just not me.

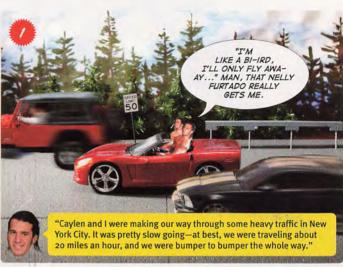
# How would you like to respond to fans who argue that you're too small to mainevent a pay-per-view?

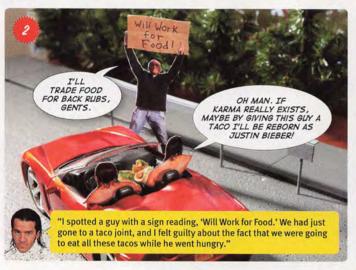
Well, those people obviously haven't shown up to an event. I'll plop them down in the front row to watch me wrestle. And when I'm done—prove me wrong. Anyone who doubts me, anyone on earth, I'll make him eat his words, it's as simple as that.

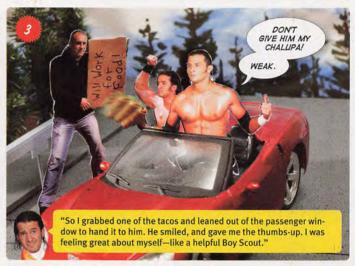
## Finally, has Evan Bourne had his greatest match yet?

No way. I would never say that. The closest I've come was during WWE's last tour in Japan. I wrestled Rey Mysterio in front of a sold-out crowd at Sumo Hall, and it was absolutely the best match I've had in my WWE career. Both of us went out there at 200mph, right out of the gate, and just stepped it up and up and up. Normally, at the end of a match, I'm out of breath and feeling pretty roughed up. But after that match, I couldn't breathe and could barely pick my body up, and I felt awesome. I had pushed myself to the limit. But that's just a preview of what's to come—it's just the tip of the iceberg.

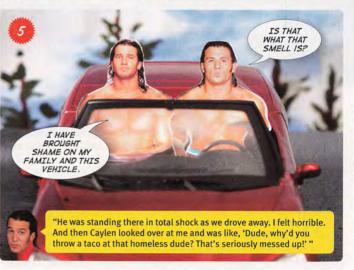












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